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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

#### What Will the Korean Truce Mean?

It is a far cry from the campus of Hampden-Sydney to Panmunjom in Korea, but the result of the truce talks pending in that battle-scarred peninsula cannot but affect those of us who walk the academic shades of Hampden-Sydney. As is often the case, and notably so in what is going on in Korea, it is difficult to arrive at the truth.

A bloody conflict has been going on for nearly three years.

If the line now in consideration by the negotiators between the north and south of Korea is established where it now stands, it will be approximately just where it was when the conflict began. The cost in blood and treasure has been colossal. The casualties suffered for the United States alone amount to nearly 140,000, about 30,000 of whom were killed or died of wounds or diseases. The casualties suffered by the South Koreans are vastly greater and those suffered by the other members of the United Nations were considerable.

Have the aggressors been stopped? Are we any nearer a real peace than when the shooting began? While the losses sustained by the North Koreans and Chinese have been perhaps 10 times greater than those suffered by the United Nations, Chinese man power is almost inexhaustible and their losses in proportion to the population is no greater than our own. In addition, no inconsiderable part of South Korea has sustained terrific damage while North Korea has been so blasted that it will take more than a generation for it to recover.

To bring a cessation of the terrible conflict and stop the fearful shedding of blood is something devoutly to be wished. But if a truce simply means a postponement and we have to anticipate a third world war with all its horrors and devastation, what has really been gained? We are dealing with Communists in whose vocabulary there are no such words as truth and honesty. To us here at this juncture, it appears that a truce in Korea may not unlikely be another Munich. Appeasement is the most dangerous and destructive policy that a nation can pursue. Of this, we have had tragic evidence. On the face of it, as matters now stand, it looks as if the Communists have won a victory and the United States has had its first military defeat in all its history. But, we

must continue to hope for peace. It may be that the Chinese, after their stupendous losses and the appalling famine from which that country is suffering, may really desire peace; furthermore, Russia, which has been the instigator, promoter, and the backer of the North Koreans and Chinese, may be getting weary of the enormous cost to it in supplying equipment and munitions and other supplies for the North Koreans and the Chinese; nor does it, by any means, seem that all is well behind the iron curtain.



#### What Is the Trouble With College Baseball?

It has been most noticeable here at Hampden-Sydney for the past three or four years, judging by the limited attendance at the games played on our diamond, that the interest of the students is negligible. Our teams have been better than the average and some excellent performances have been presented on the home grounds. Notwithstanding this, but a corporal's guard of students has been seen on the bleachers. Many students will be almost in view playing on the softball courts, others playing tennis, and still others running around the track. It must be discouraging to the players to find their fellow students are not backing the team.

In the old days, the keenest interest was shown and 85% of the students would be on hand to watch and cheer the team. It is true that on Saturdays

there is generally an exodus of many students from the college but few games are scheduled for that day.

Baseball is really a great game, easy to watch, wide open, and one in which the plays can be readily followed. Nothing is more stimulating than to see sharp fielding by the infield, quick and accurate throwing, and fast and clean base running. There is little that is more likely to gain applause than to see an outfielder pull down a long fly at a run when it looks as if the ball was tagged for a homer.

Who does not like to watch a good pitcher keeping his head and at the same time, control of the ball? Then too, what is more pleasing to the ears than the resounding sound when the bat strikes the ball squarely and to see the sphere

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driven through the infield for extra bases; or again to see it soar far out beyond the reach of the outfielder.

Of course, such things do not look so good when the visitors are wielding the bat, but good clean playing whether by the home team or visitors is well worth seeing.

The writer accosted a member of a visiting team this spring and inquired what the situation was in his college. His reply was that while the team was winning, there was very good attendance, but after a losing streak, the interest had flagged.

We are inclined to think that the situation as it exists at Hampden-Sydney prevails generally.

The old rule was to back the team win or lose. It has been suggested that the owners of the teams in the American and National leagues are somewhat concerned in that television is keeping down the attendance at the ball parks, but televising has not reached this College yet and it will be probably some time before such would be the case in any of our colleges.

There may be something of a slump in interest in baseball, but it is the national game and we may be assured of the return of its popularity.



## Queen Elizabeth II Crowned

The crowning of this charming and winning young woman which took place June 2 in London with all the pomp and ceremony which England could provide could not fail to arouse keen interest of the people of this democracy, in that imposing spectacle. Many got up in the early morning hours to hear the broadcast from London and, as soon as the television was available that afternoon, many quit what they were doing to see this wonderful medieval pageant on the screen.

While we became separated from the mother country by the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and fought on for seven long years to make this independence a reality, we still recognize the ties which bind us to the great British nation whose center and power is that small area of land washed by the Atlantic Ocean and North Sea and English Channel. It was from England that our best traditions, our laws and customs were brought. Her people are our blood kin and while many from other nations have come to make the United States their home, all that is best and most of what we have achieved, came from the British Isles.

It is true that Hampden-Sydney gets its name from the two British patriots, John Hampden and Algernon Sydney, both of whom opposed the crown and fought against the British kings. This opposition was not based on any dislike to a monarchy per se, but because of the usurpation and autocratic power assumed by Charles I and Charles II.

After many centuries Hampden-Sydney takes great pride in the crowning of this young Queen and bespeaks for her a reign of peace and prosperity and a way out for her from the grave and critical times in which she assumed the crown. English people, whatever their faults, are possessed with indomitable will and unsurpassed courage. These have taken them through many trials and vicissitudes and we may be sure, though the British Empire has shrunk in the past few years from its former vastness, it has yet a great part to play in world affairs and even now the sun never sets on the lands where the Union Jack still floats.

## President Gammon's Illness

The College and community have been much concerned by the illness of President Gammon. After a session fraught with many problems, Dr. Gammon had a severe and prolonged case of influenza in the early spring, and soon after going back to work found it was necessary for him to give up his duties for the time being. His vigor, energy, and his cheerful presence are greatly missed.

It is hoped that his improvement will continue and that he may be able to assume his duties early in the fall.

In the meantime, Dean D. C. Wilson has been carrying on in the place of Dr. Gammon, assisted by Dean Macon Reed, who took over the Deanship. The work of the College has, therefore, continued without interruption.



## Dr. Douglas S. Freeman

Tidings of the sudden death of this eminent Virginian came as a rude shock to this College community as it must have done to many throughout the State and far beyond its confines. Dr. Freeman had always been a staunch friend and admirer of Hampden-Sydney College and though he had received more than a dozen honorary degrees from other institutions, he was more than pleased to receive the honorary degree, Doctor of Science, from Hampden-Sydney College at the Commencement in 1951. This was the occasion on which he addressed the graduating class and it was also the time at which Frank S. Johns Auditorium was dedicated.

Dr. Freeman was an ardent advocate of the liberal arts college and especially small privately owned institutions such as Hampden-Sydney. He was a long time admiring friend of Dr. J. D. Eggleston and for a lesser period a warm friend of Dr. Edgar Gammon, Dr. Eggleston's successor and the present head of the College.

Many, no doubt, will recall the handsome tribute which Dr. Freeman paid to Dr. Eggleston in his broadcast the morning of March 18, the day after Dr. Eggleston's death. These broadcasts which Dr. Freeman gave at 8 o'clock almost every morning of the week except Sundays were listened to and looked forward to by many connected with the College. Inasmuch as this was the case and he was heard on Saturday morning, the 13th day of June, when his death was announced that afternoon, the shock was the greater. It was much like when one meets a friend on the street one day and learns of his death the next. The blow being so unexpected is difficult to comprehend.

Many will recall that often in his broadcasts when he had just learned of the death of some distinguished man or woman or, for that matter, of someone who was not eminent but had rendered well worth-while service to his community, Dr. Freeman would always pause long enough to pay a handsome tribute to the one who had gone.

The next morning after Dr. Freeman's death, glowing eulogies were paid to him over the radio and through the press.

It is not within the province of this brief editorial to undertake to enumerate his achievements as historian, editor, speaker, and man of affairs. His definitive biographies of General Robert E. Lee, of Lee's Lieutenants, and also his monumental work on George Washington, five volumes of



which had been completed and the sixth nearly so, placed him in the front rank of historians.

As a news commentator, he had thousands in the radio audience who looked forward to these broadcasts. He was devoted to his native State of Virginia and to the entire South, but sectionalism was not a part of his make-up.

Hampden-Sydney wishes to put on record its high appreciation for his friendship for the College and his splendid service to the State, particularly, and to the South, and to the Nation at large.



## "Business Preparatory Courses" At Hampden-Sydney

It is the virtue of a good liberal arts college such as Hampden-Sydney that it can provide a firm and broad foundation for almost any profession or occupation. A man with this type of education will be a better citizen of his country, a better citizen of the world, and a better man. Inherently, he will also be a better doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief.

While narrow courses of a specializing nature are not ordinarily a proper part of a liberal arts curriculum, the student going into law, theology, medicine, engineering, teaching, government work, etc. will find a number of courses pertaining to his particular field of interest.

The business field has not been neglected. At Hampden-Sydney there are at least four full-year courses—the equivalent of eight semester courses—which might be considered as pre-business subjects.

There is Economics 1. In the words of the instructor, "this course is a study of the fundamental principles underlying the economic activities of society. The objectives are fourfold: (1) to give the student an accurate understanding of the meaning and proper usage of economic terms; (2) to enable the student to interpret and analyze accounting summaries of the corporation and other types of business organizations, with the theory of valuation underlying each item making up these statements; (3) to give as thorough training as possible in the development of the social and long range point of view as opposed to the selfish and immediate; and (4) to give particular grounding in those economic theories and institutions which underlie the American competitive system of free enterprise. The main divisions treated are the interrelationship of the factors of production, the business organization of production and accounting statements connected therewith, money, credit, and credit instruments, prices and the cost of production, monopoly prices, taxes, international trade and tariff policies, banking and bank statements, income as it affects consumption and production, and the division of labor with relation to the development of industry."

There is Economics 2, comprising three sections: Money and Banking (including a study of problems connected with bank accounting statements), World Resources and Industry, and Labor Problems.

There is Political Science 3, an Introductory Survey of General and Business Law. In this course, "particular study is given to those fundamental principles of law which form the foundation of the business practices and which serve as the guides to business."

Finally, there is Mathematics 6. The first term is an introduction to statistics. The second term is an introduction to the mathematics of business and finance.

Here, then, are four courses—actually eight semester courses—devoted to work distinctly contributing to an understanding of and participation in the business world. In these courses, among other things, a knowledge of accounting,

business law, and the mathematics of business and finance may be obtained. The subjects are taught from the liberal arts viewpoint, and well taught. The qualifications and abilities of Professors M. H. Bittinger, R. T. Hubard, Jr., and E. R. Elliott are well known to many Hampden-Sydney alumni and assure the quality of instruction.

The results are equally reassuring. Hampden-Sydney graduates have received generous fellowships for study in the business field. They have entered leading Schools of Business Administration and done well. They have gone into large businesses and risen high in the organizations. They have managed their own businesses with success.

We know of one recent graduate who went directly into a large and well known business institution in Richmond. There, competing with graduates of one of the best business schools in the country, he has shot ahead. The others had to learn the business methods of that particular concern, even as he did. But at the same time he had acquired from his education many other things that these men had neglected. *Res ipsa loquitur.*

There is another Hampden-Sydney graduate, a little older, in business for himself. He insists that the Hampden-Sydney plan of education should not be tampered with. Success in business, he says, depends mainly, not on business training, but on perspiration. Accountants can be readily hired; a good education is not so easy to come by.

These things are written that Hampden-Sydney alumni may know that preparation for a business career is not neglected at the College. Within the liberal arts framework, the basic business courses are here; the general education is here as well.

And we should like to close with a quotation from the May 16, 1953, issue of *Business Week*: "Don't ignore the old-fashioned general, or liberal, education. Most modern educators believe strongly that, as preparation for general business life, it will help more than any specialty."

—G. H. T.



## Spelling

In England, we understand, a New Spelling movement is being tried out. According to this, a child will first be allowed to write down sentences in the way that he pronounces them, and afterwards will be told how the words ought to be spelled.

Phonetic (or fonetic) spelling has had and still has its advocates in this country. One trouble with it, though, is the question, whose variety of phonetic spelling are we going to accept? Take the word "was." Phonetically, according to Webster, it would be spelled "woz." But we know plenty of people who would like to spell it "wuz." Some highbrows might go in for the spelling "wahz" or even "wabs." "Wooz" would have some advocates. "Woz," "wuz," "wahz," "wabs," "wooz"—which is right? Might as well settle on "was" and stick to it.

The same goes for "dance." Small it be "dance" or "dahns" or "daunse" or "dense"? Once phonetic spelling is given the nod, we may expect to see many a sentence like "minny min youz fowntun pins"—if people are allowed to write as they talk. After all, in the words of a writer in *Punch*, "wot iz thuh youss uv attempting too rite fonetic spelling, hwen yors may be totally diffrent from myne?"

Our own personal observation has been that misspellers seldom spell words the way they sound, but rather spell them the way they do not sound. Misspellings by college students are often due, not to attempts to spell phonetically, but to some mystic and misty tendency to relate one word to another it resembles and to juggle up the spelling accordingly. For example, every college generation will produce several happily oblivious souls who must spell "deity" as "diety." They don't pronounce the word "diety" and they are not gourmandizing individuals who make an object of worship out of their love of food. As often as not, they will be boys who expect to go into the ministry. Indeed, we hear distressed rumors from the seminaries that even some theologs are still referring to divinity as "diety." Let us hope they never write their sermons out.

Another word that suffers in this peculiar non-phonetic fashion is "statue." Spelled as it sounds it would end up looking something like a sneeze—"stachoo." But we have never seen it spelled that way (except perhaps in the comic strips like Joe Palooka). Instead, "statue" will invariably be written, by a few students at least, as "stature" or "statute." It would have been much easier and more like the sound to write "statue," but "stature" or "statute" it must be.

It has taken centuries to get English spelling standardized to the present degree. We hope the reformers will not throw open the flood gates to the uninhibited whims of phonetic spelling. Let them work on something impossible like reforming the calendar or introducing the duodecimal system.

—G. H. T.



## Commencement Addresses Printed In Full

In looking back through past commencement issues of THE RECORD, we have noticed that the baccalaureate and commencement talks are sometimes printed in full, sometimes merely summarized or excerpts given.

In view of the high quality of this year's sermon and address and the expressed opinion of a number of people that the words of Dr. Fifield and Dr. Olert should be preserved in permanent form, we are printing their speeches in full, plus Mr. Kelly's valedictory remarks.

Not everyone will take the trouble to read a complete address. On the other hand, condensed reviews seldom give the full impact and significance of the original. We should be interested to hear from readers which form of presentation they prefer.

—G. H. T.



## Gifts To The Library

The College Library greatly appreciates the following gifts:

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Early copies of the *National Geographic Magazine*, the *Southern Literary Messenger*, and the *Hampden-Sydney Magazine* along with ten volumes of English literature and history from Miss Mary Dupuy of Worsham.

Reprints of three articles on education from the author, Dr. Ray Montgomery, '36, of the University of Chicago.

A notebook containing President Cushing's experiments for the year 1824 kept by John Jacob Royall, 1825, from Mr. William R. Middelthun, '29, of Miami, Florida.

Heilbrunn's *Outline of General Physiology* and Hitler's *Mein Kampf* from Dr. Ashton T. Stewart, '39, of Tabriz, Iran.

A group picture of the class of 1890, a letter from Roger A. Pryor, 1846, to Prof. L. L. Holladay, 1853, dated July 12, 1843, four letters from Rev. Lewis Warner Green to Prof. L. L. Holladay written shortly after Green resigned the presidency of Hampden-Sydney College, and a sheet of signatures of the Class of 1887 from Dr. Lewis H. Lancaster, '09, of Nashville, Tennessee.

*Travels in America One Hundred Years Ago* by Thomas Twining from Mr. Hugh M. McAllister, '02, of Covington.

Twelve copies of the *Hampden-Sydney Kaleidoscope* from Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Atkinson of Hampden-Sydney.

A large assortment of College publications—Commencement programs, catalogues, magazines, newspapers, etc.—along with some twenty-five volumes of history and literature from the library of Miss Minnie Lacy presented to the College by the members of her family.

A letter written in 1862 by Prof. L. L. Holladay from the mountains of Western North Carolina to his wife in Virginia. Prof. Holladay tells of his adventures on a prospecting trip for the Confederate Government. Eighty-two volumes of history and literature from Mr. R. V. Lancaster, '12, of Pendleton, Va.

Five volumes of current literature from Mr. D. C. Morris, Jr., '53, of Darlington Heights.

A handsome, illuminated 16" globe mounted on a solid walnut Duncan Phyfe floor stand has been presented to the Library in memory of Mr. H. H. McVey, '12, by his Richmond business associates.

**WANTED: Proceedings of the Virginia Bar Association: 1888-1890, 1929, 1935 to date.**

**All issues of The Tiger published during the session for 1941-42.**



## Anchors Aweigh

An interesting commentary on the times is the case of this year's First Honor graduate, Scott Kelly of Berea, Kentucky. Mr. Kelly had his choice of three graduate scholarships: a General Education Board Scholarship worth \$1,125 plus tuition, required fees, and traveling expenses for study in political science at any university in the United States; a Duke University scholarship in political science worth \$1,100; and a Woodrow Wilson Department of Foreign Affairs Fellowship at the University of Virginia worth \$1,000.

Under the gentle pressure of his draft board, Mr. Kelly took none of these offers, but chose instead the Navy. He entered the Officer's Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, July 12.



# CAMPUS NEWS

## THE 1953 COMMENCEMENT

The one hundred and seventy-seventh commencement went off smoothly and enjoyably enough. Chief element of regret was the absence of President Edgar G. Gammon, recuperating from illness. But Dean David C. Wilson and President of the Board Frank S. Johns ably filled in as presiding officers over the June 7 and 8 ceremonies, and all the rank and file carried on in their wonted fashion to see the fifty-six seniors graduated with proper ceremony into the society of educated men.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday and the commencement address on Monday were of an uncommonly high order. From all the comments that could be heard, seniors, families, and friends had only the highest praises for the speakers. The music hour Sunday night, the reception for seniors and guests Saturday night, and the *déjeuner sur l'herbe* Monday noon were other bright spots of a very successful occasion.

Highlighting the baccalaureate service Sunday morning were the sermon by the Reverend Harry A. Fifield, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, and the offertory solo sung by James S. Harris: Oley Speaks' "The Lord is My Light." Mr. Harris was a member of the graduating class and retiring president of the student body.

Dr. Fifield's sermon follows:

### Toward A Working Christian Faith

Text—II Timothy 3: 5 (Moffatt): "Though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a force. Avoid all such."

Scripture—II Timothy 1: 1-14.

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Back of the works of a contemporary clergyman is one theme that expresses itself in virtually everything he preaches: "The world is made to work the Christian way, and it will not work successfully any other way. It will not open up under any other key!" Most of us, I am certain, agree with him. At least we are convinced the world does not work successfully the non-Christian way, not when hatred, suspicion, greed or selfishness is the motivating force behind human effort.

But that affirmation forces another, disturbing thought. So much of contemporary Christianity itself appears not to be working! It seems at times obviously out of touch with reality. It is professed by some in whose lives it even seems more a liability than an asset. It is often ineffective as a moral force in society. The Apostle Paul strikes a contemporary note when he describes certain people as having the form of religion, but not its force! If the world works only the Christian way, then one finds himself in sympathy with Professor Oldham when he says: "If something radical is to happen in society, then something radical must happen...to Christians."

Some such conviction as that urges upon us a reconsideration of those factors which point toward a working Christian faith. It is that that I should like to discuss with you as you prepare to become a part of the leadership of a very disturbed and distressed world. I would not presume to prescribe in a few minutes all there is to be prescribed about Christianity that works; but let me suggest three or four of my own convictions for your thinking on this theme.

#### I.

In the first place, I believe a working Christian faith must get life's values straight. It must be cognizant of the fact that the supreme issues in contemporary human need are moral and

spiritual rather than material, and therefore it must courageously drive for the supremacy of moral and spiritual values in every area and experience of life!

Two characteristics of our times accentuate this requisite. First is our exaggerated secularism. Dr. Robert McCracken says there is a vacuum in our civilization, with a whole dimension—the spiritual dimension—fast fading from view. "With some, secularism may be a conviction," he says; "with tens of thousands it is a habit."

That secularism evidences itself in the changing character of education, in which more and more the arts and sciences yield to the specialties as we prepare our youth to make a living, more than for the art of living. Secularism is an obvious characteristic of our times.

But there are supreme issues in human experience which cannot be settled by secular intellect and material possessions alone. They challenge our moral and spiritual values. They are settled mostly by what a man is and believes. To confront some staggering disappointment; to want for integrity in human relations and in personal discipline; to lose your sense of reverence; to feel your personality smothered in the rush for material gain; to watch your children grow up with neither moral certainty nor spiritual security; to labor under a sense of guilt for sins your conscience cannot forget; to stand helplessly beside an open grave; to look up and wonder if God cares about you or your world—indeed, if He is even there: these are expressions of human hunger that cannot be satisfied by the material and secular alone. They are hungers, the satisfaction of which distinguishes you and me from animals. Their satisfaction depends primarily upon our moral and spiritual values.

The other urgency for a Christianity that gets its values straight is the imperativeness of moral character. As Harry Emerson Fosdick suggests, we have multiplied the number and complexity of the gadgets by which we live, and call that our civilization. But the same old barbarian is still handling them! Now the urgency of that warning has caught up with us. The major issue we confront is no longer gadgets and forces, but that barbarian, *man!* He does not seem to know how to handle his gadgets and forces for good. He has just fought the two most inhuman wars in history, has killed twenty-eight thousand Americans alone in a "police action" he does not even call a war, and stands perilously on the brink of a third world war. His science takes him to any world neighbor in a matter of hours, but his new proximity only serves to accentuate the threat and ferocity of his wars because he has not yet learned the moral and humanitarian bases for living successfully with his close world neighbors. He builds luxurious houses, but a disastrous divorce rate is breaking up his homes. He has ingenious political and economic schemes, but is incessantly investigated for corruption in high places of responsibility. Within himself he has the same old drives, urges, and hungers, but his gadgets, speed, and complexity afford their expression a new recklessness and abandon. So he builds cars for speed and comfort—and then kills more Americans on the highways than are killed in war! So self-gratification in alcoholism, sex, and gambling are on the alarming increase. You see, it is not relatively important what instruments, gadgets, and forces our science produces any more. The major issue now is that of character great enough to control for good what we have created. "We need things," says Elton Trueblood, "but we need a new spirit more, because without a spirit, the *things* we already have often become a curse rather than a blessing."

In a word, character is imperative, and character is the product of moral and spiritual values.

So the only workable Christianity for our circumstances is a Christianity that drives for supremacy of moral and spiritual values over secular and material. It is much more than church going and creed affirmation. It is drawing upon the will and power of God for renewal. And it accepts a personal responsibility in this matter. Says Dr. McCracken: "Most of us would agree that society can only be saved by moral renewal. What we overlook is that for such renewal it would make a world of difference if every tenth or even every hundredth person became an active, energetic, moral agent. For each person would raise the level of those he touches in the home, in business, and in public affairs." That fact leaves



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Dean David C. Wilson, Dr. Harry A. Fifield, and the Reverend William B. Rogers, following Dr. Fifield's sermon to the graduating class on Sunday morning, June 7.

you and me without defense if we are not about a personal Christianity that makes moral and spiritual values supreme in every phase of life.

## II.

In the second place, I believe a working Christianity must always be free to explore the truth. It can never be bound completely by the limitations of some one school of thought, some denominational formula, sectarian creed, or "modernist" or "fundamentalist" dogma.

Whatever else Jesus may have meant, surely He meant that when He said, "If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He was speaking about human error to a group of religious legalists who had reduced religion with finality to a number of neat rules and doctrines, and would permit with their people no living or thinking outside those rules and doctrines. To Him it was intolerable, and it still is. You cannot contain infinite truth within the bounds of finite formulae, whether they be of Presbyterianism, Methodism, Protestantism, Catholicism, Liberalism, or Fundamentalism. It was Rufus Jones, I believe, who used to say of the rabid sectarian, "He reminds me of a youngster in our neighborhood when I was a boy who used to try to charge the rest of us ten cents to come into his back yard and look at the moon!" Surely one senses no danger of such sectarianism among college students today.

But there is a danger that confronts you in being free to pursue Christian truth: it is the danger that you shall rebel against everything in the religion of your predecessors as outmoded: all creed, form, denominationalism, doctrine, even Christ Himself—just because the religion of your predecessors contains much that is narrow. To break thus with the past is also, of course, a crime against truth. It is to shut your eyes to the accumulated truths that the Church in its various branches has possessed and does still possess. Christianity always grows today and tomorrow from roots imbedded in the past. Jesus gave religious enlightenment its greatest strides—yet never in breaking with the past. He broke only with the perversions of ageless truth in His day. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets," He said; "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Luther's impetus to the Reformation was not in breaking with the past, but in reaching back to the doctrines of Jesus and Paul and shaking them loose from the perversions of a decadent clergy. And in our age, liberal minds, though for a time almost breaking with the past in religious truth, were soon cognizant of the loss of a tremendous heritage, and are now swinging back to a neo-orthodoxy that combines the best out of the past with new discoveries of truth in the present.

There is a sobering lesson here, it seems to me, for those of us whose impatience with much in our fathers' religion tempts us to swing entirely away from their church, denomination, or doctrine. Suppose we put it this way: What if a sign on one of the highways that stretch from coast to coast were to read, "Take this road to see all of America!" It would be a lie. You could travel its every inch, and still miss vast portions of our country. What then? Shall we discard this highway and that because of their limitations? Shall

we strike out on our own without regard for roads, across mountain, river, and plain? No, we will use our highways as men have done for years. We will remember that once they were narrow, disjointed, gravel roads; that before that they were muddy ruts, and before that mere trails blazed by a pioneering ancestry. We still use these trails, but with the demands and discoveries of each succeeding generation, we have widened, leveled, and straightened them. We will go on doing that, and we will tie them into other great highways. We will always remember that America is never just this road or that, nor just the scenery that lies along it—and yet we will discover more and more of the beauty of our country along her roads, roads that we continually extend and improve.

So it must be, it seems to me, with the various roads along which men have been exploring Christian truths for years.

## III.

In the third place, I believe Christianity that works strikes an intellectual-experiential balance. It not only knows truth: it experiences God.

There are two dangers in the approach to Christianity of many of us. One is that we shall emphasize experience at the expense of intellectual responsibility. We make it something to be felt more than known; sometimes in the aesthetic beauty of liturgy, sometimes only in base and unbridled emotionalism. Religion can become intellectually irresponsible, often fanatic, a religion that refuses to think. Not many of you face that danger.

But you do face the other danger. It is that of a purely intellectual approach to Christianity: religion only of the class-room and discussion group. Highly analytical and critical, it goes at Christianity like the biologist goes at the human anatomy, the psychologist at human behaviour. It is essential to Christianity, *but it is not all there is to Christianity*. It may love God with the mind, but it neglects Him with the heart, soul, and strength! A classmate of mine was a brilliant student of human behaviour, but he seldom made friends and never fell in love. He knew a great deal about human beings, but he never really knew or loved anyone intimately. Now that can happen in religion: you can know a great deal about God and the approach men make to Him, and yet never really know Him.

This sort of religion seldom impels or experiences anything! That is why to intellectual integrity must be added the warm experience of worship, something the heavy schedule of college students and business folk alike often surrenders. Yet I submit to you that your Christianity will soon become impotent unless you guard with strictest care a relaxed few moments of every day to be still and know that God is.

Some of us do not know quite how to go about that sort of thing, and of course, no two people find God in exactly the same pattern. But there are those instruments at hand to help him who would keep the discipline of personal worship. There is the Bible itself, sought not critically, as in the class-room, but searchingly, humbly for some divine thought to inspire or direct. There are the inspirational writings of the masters, including the hymns. There is music. There is meditation. And there is prayer—not some stereotyped language or form, but whatever simple means by which you can best speak praise, thanksgiving, confession, and request to God who assures He hears. Such instruments as these, persistently used, have long helped make God real to men. Then when once you are suddenly conscious of Another's presence as you pray; or feel the presence of an unseen Will upon your own to challenge or sustain; or find some haunting word of Jesus opening windows of your soul to absolute reality; or sense some clear insight you had not had before; or feel a shame for some sin committed, and then a sense of release because you know God forgives; when you discover a peace of mind long lost; or just rise from your prayer a better man—then you have found in personal worship a Christianity that is working.

Of equal importance, too, is public worship. Christianity is a communion: It cannot live in isolation. We need the warmth of human fellowship to keep aglow the things we seek in common. A distinguished clergyman of recent years called once upon a man to urge his attendance at public worship. "I don't need to go to church for worship," said the man. "I can find God in the quiet of my room, the beauty of the out-of-doors, or the inspiration of a symphony." They were seated before an open-grate fire. The minister said nothing, but with the tongs picked a single, white-hot coal and sat it alone on the hearth. Silently the two watched it fade from white to red, from red to dying amber, and finally into a



smouldering, gray ash. Then he picked up the coal and replaced it with the others in the grate. Instantly it caught fire again and burned fervently. There was a moment of silence. Then said the man, "I understand. I'll be back at worship Sunday."

A working Christianity is not only a perception of intellectual truths: it is also an experience.

IV.

Finally this last conviction: Christianity that works demands the total response of your life. That may startle these freedom-loving spirits of ours—and yet the New Testament will do that to you. You move placidly through its promises and blessings, almost purring over the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule. Then suddenly you crash head-on into demands that leave you gasping:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . , soul . . . , mind . . . , and strength."

"He that loveth father or mother . . . , son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of Me."

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

You cannot get around it: Jesus Christ will have no rival loyalties in the hearts of men. He will be Master of all, or not Master at all.

Now right here is where the Christianity of a lot of us breaks down and becomes impotent. We want no such totalitarian response. Yet study this principle. Here is an appeal to the soundest psychological principle modern man has discovered: that personality is at its best only when it is completely integrated about some great, central principle that ties together a thousand and one desires and loyalties within us. Realizing that that central principle is the supreme issue of any man's life, Christianity that works insists that the Spirit of Jesus Christ be that principle.

In the light of that truth, look at the loyalties of your life. Christian commitment does not disregard them: it captures and sublimates them to their highest worth. For instance, you think you love your family so much that you cannot put loyalty to Christ above your love of wife, parent, or child. I submit to you that the cultures of the world testify to the fact that the most worth-while families on earth are Christian families—families that put Christ above themselves. Do you think your love for some fine girl is so great that you cannot put Christ above it? You do not know how deep and worth-while love can be until first it is controlled by Christian ideals. Do you think your life's vocation is too urgent to be put second to Christian demands? You do not know how satisfying a life's work can be until it is directed to Christian ends along Christian principles. So, too, that principle holds for your social life, your patriotism, your education, everything. Richard Lovelace once wrote,

"I could not love thee, dear, so much,  
Loved I not honor more."

There is the principle. You cannot love the loyalties of life so much—until you love Christ more.

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Here then, in my convictions, are requisites to a working Christianity; to keep life's values straight; to be free to seek the truth; to balance the intellectual with the experience of religion, until not only one knows about God, but experiences him; to respond with all one's life to the Spirit of Christ. Were there one important above all others, I should say it is the last, for that includes the others. So let the words of the poet be your prayer and mine:

Draw Thou my soul, O Christ, closer to Thine;  
Breathe into every wish Thy will divine;  
Raised my low self above, won by Thy deathless love;  
Ever, O Christ, through mine let Thy life shine.

Lead forth my soul, O Christ, one with Thine own;  
Joyful to follow Thee through paths unknown;  
In Thee my strength renew; give me Thy work to do;  
Through me Thy truth be shown, Thy love made known.

Not for myself alone may my prayer be:  
Lift Thou Thy world, O Christ, closer to Thee.  
Cleanse it from guilt and wrong; teach it salvation's song,  
Till earth, as heaven, fulfil God's holy will.

AMEN



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TIVIS WICKER, '40, AND JEANNE CHALIFOUX  
*Chansons dans la Nuit*

The program for the traditional Sunday evening Music Hour was arranged through that good friend of the College, Florence Richardson Robertson. The artists were two personable young musicians, Jeanne Chalifoux, harpist, and Tivis Wicker, '40, baritone. Mrs. Robertson served as accompanist for Mr. Wicker.

Miss Chalifoux has studied under the great harpist, Salzedo, and currently is a member of an ensemble playing with him. Mr. Wicker's rich voice often brought to mind that of Ezio Pinza.

Their program:

- I  
 Invocazione di Orfeo (Eurydice).....Peri  
 Caro Mio Ben.....Giordani  
 Avant de Quitter ces Lieux, from "Faust".....Gounod  
 TIVIS WICKER

- II  
 Gavotte .....Rameau  
 Giga .....Corelli  
 Harmonious Blacksmith.....Handel  
 JEANNE CHALIFOUX

- III  
 Arabesque.....Debussy  
 Maid with the Flaxen Hair.....Debussy  
 Chanson Dans la Nuit.....Salzedo  
 Whirlwind .....Salzedo  
 JEANNE CHALIFOUX

- IV  
 Steal Away.....Spiritual  
 Hard Trails.....Spiritual  
 David and Goliath.....Mallotte  
 A Little Song of Life.....Mallotte  
 TIVIS WICKER

- V  
 Song of the Evening Star (Tannhauser).....Wagner  
 The Lord's Prayer.....Mallotte  
 MR. WICKER AND MISS CHALIFOUX



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THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION ENTERS  
JOHNS AUDITORIUM JUNE 8, 1953  
*Men to sustain the American Venture*

As is customary, the graduation exercises Monday morning, June 8, were marked by the presentation of two of the most cherished awards at Hampden-Sydney. The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, given annually to a member of the graduating class who has distinguished himself for excellence of character and generous service to his fellows, was presented to Reames Young of Hebron, Virginia. The Gammon cup, awarded on a basis of character, scholarship, and athletic ability to the senior who has best served the College, went to Frank Hoffman of Richmond.

Dr. Frederick H. Olert, of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, is known nationally not only as a minister and pastor, but also as a speaker of great force—an orator in the best sense of the word. His address to the seniors was all that has come to be expected of him, and while of a quite different type from that of Governor Adlai Stevenson the preceding year, deserves to be ranked with Mr. Stevenson's as among the finest speeches delivered at Hampden-Sydney.

Here is Dr. Olert's address:

## The American Venture

It is a signal honor for which I am grateful beyond measure to be invited to be the commencement speaker at Hampden-Sydney College this year. I come to give Christian congratulation to you who are the graduates in the Class of 1953. You have faithfully continued your term of study in this Christian college; you have successfully completed the course; and you are now about to receive your awards. Some of you will pursue further study in preparation for a significant career, and others of you will seek to take your places in the tangled scheme of things.

I cannot help reflecting upon the difference between your commencement and my own twenty-five years ago. We went out to a midsea of great things. New discoveries were binding the world together. War was about to be outlawed; diseases conquered, poverty abolished, and just around the corner was a golden utopia. No such thoughts are in your minds today. No group of students ever essayed to meet the total challenge of life today under terms of sterner competition and more crushing bewilderment than the graduates of 1953. If you are thinking at all you must be aware of the tremendous tasks you face in your generation.

It has been customary that the significance of this event in your lives shall receive the emphasis of a commencement address. As you go forth I want to impress upon your minds and upon my own some considerations that grow out of the subject, "The American Venture."

The American venture is the attempt to do six unique, immensely significant things:

1. To gather in this vast, rich, undivided country peoples of every nation, race, creed, and color, and to take this conglomerate mass of people with all the varieties they represent, and integrate them into a strong social order. It has been said that America is a melting pot. A boiling pot would be a more accurate description. We have in our country sixty million Anglo-Saxons, ten million Teutonic, ten million Scotch-Irish, ten million Scandinavians, fourteen million Negroes, and five million Jews. In religion America has fifty million Protestants divided into 250 different denominations, twenty-five million Roman Catholics, and five million Jews. There are said to be thirty-two million Republicans, twenty-seven million Democrats, and a few of the lesser breeds without the law. To weld this infinite variety of people together into a free society represents our American venture.

2. Secondly, the American venture involves the attempt to give to every qualified citizen the right to vote and a chance to govern himself.

3. To give to every person who obeys the law the largest amount of personal freedom possible and an equal opportunity.

4. To trust all Americans to treat each other fairly, to work together loyally, and be willing to make such personal sacrifices as the collective good may require.

5. To make vital and real for every person in America the four freedoms, freedom from fear and want, freedom of speech and religion.

6. To sanction and support the provisions of the United Nations, to match pledged word with deeds, and to see that all people on the face of the earth have the right to choose their own government without coercion from any foreign power.

These six significant propositions together with their implications constitute the American dream. There is nothing exactly like it anywhere else in the world. No nation offers quite so much. Britain, Canada, and Australia cherish freedom equal to ours, but they do not provide an equal opportunity. Certainly Russia today presents no venture of equal proportions. If it were so what would be the need of an Iron Curtain and why would a man want to escape from Russia to write a book like "I Chose Freedom"? America is the brightest spot on the earth. If every nation in the world were to open its gates, remove all emigration restrictions, provide free transportation for anybody to go to any country of their desire, where do you suppose most of the people of the world would want to settle?

People of other lands are hostile, critical, or frequently covetous of our American venture. Some are convinced that it cannot survive. The weaknesses, imperfections, inconsistencies are pointed out to us with finger of scorn. Our American dream is under fire in many parts of the earth. Our international relationships are often hopelessly tangled. But we have set ourselves to a worthy enterprise. How can we perfect it? Can we insure its survival?



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FRANK HOFFMAN AND REAMES YOUNG  
*The Gammon Cup, the Sullivan Medallion*





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DEAN DAVID C. WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD  
FRANK S. JOHNS, DR. FREDERICK H. OLERT, following Dr.  
Overt's address to the graduating class Monday morning, June 8, on  
"The American Venture."

Our American venture confronts four grave problems:

1. One of our basic American problems is to find enough public-spirited, informed, intelligent citizens who are willing to vote to put the right men in public office and to keep the wrong men out. Democratic government breaks down at that point. Forty-five million non-voters can wreck this republic. Far too many men of dubious character and inadequate equipment get into office to plunder and spoil or mismanage. It is imperative that our apathy be dissolved and that we impress upon our people the fact that they who sleep on the watch are as guilty of treason as they who go over to the enemy.

2. The second major problem is one our forefathers never knew. It has to do with government by pressure groups. Organized groups representing only one phase of our total life go to the state or national capitols to press, lobby, bargain, or bribe for legislations favorable to their interests on the basis that the wheel which squeaks the loudest gets the most grease. We have come to a day when the external pressures on men in public life are heavy and the inside props are weak. Unless pressure groups are controlled, our American venture may be doomed. I keenly resent all pressure groups, whether they represent the National Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the C. I. O., or the National Manufacturers' Association. A plague on all their houses. The men and women we send to our capitols should be persons with the best brains and the largest hearts to represent the collective good of all.

3. The third problem is to get America unitedly to supply a strong, persistent, selfless, morally courageous leadership to the nations of the world in the world's quest for permanent peace and security of all men everywhere.

4. Major problem number four is suggested by the crawl, the creep, the slide, the march. We are moving in America toward Collectivism. There are numerous signs of its growth in our nation. In the beginning government was organized to be people's servant. Today it is every man's master. Where collectivism reigns, freedom rots. I believe in our traditional democratic American venture. It is not perfect. It has faults as thick as dust. No honest American citizen should be uncritically content to defend the status quo. No one should oppose change merely because change is disturbing. Within the framework of our traditional democratic processes we can solve our problems. Democracy as we know it may not be the best form of government, but the verdict of history surely records that it is the least worst so far. The time has come for all Americans to oppose vigorously any un-American trends in our nation's life.

There are four creative constructive suggestions to be made which will enable our American venture to survive and succeed:

1. We need in America an ethical creed sufficiently strong and adequate to serve as a moral guide for men and the nation. No such moral law need be composed, invented, or devised. It is already here. For more than three thousand years there has been a luster of convictions which represent the soundest wisdom ever revealed. They are simple, basic, comprehensive, moral mandates

covering the whole of man's life. The Decalogue was presented on the authority of God and is vindicated by all the laws of logic and life. No social experiment, no government, no civilization that disregards this moral law has ever survived. There is nothing sectarian about the Ten Commandments. They are valid for Christian and Jew. They constitute the accumulated wisdom of the ages.

One of the Ten Laws has to do with basic honesty. Deep in the great documents of the nation we record our pledge to social honor. But honor is difficult to find in the texture of the nation's life. We are in the twilight of honor. It is increasingly difficult to shock the American people. We have lost our capacity to blush or grow indignant. Political promises broken, the lack of personal integrity, the willingness of public servants to lie in the courts, the boss cronyism are all evidence of the decline of essential honor. The Ten Commandments represent a moral absolute which denounces all evasive expedience, all political opportunism, and all clever circumventions or easy rationalizations. There must be basic honesty in the mixture of life. Honor is the cohesive force that holds us together. Society can exist only where men can trust each other. Without the basic ingredient of honesty the whole concoction explodes.

2. Democracy in America need not apologize for its existence nor defend itself. It can stand before the world unashamed. It has given our people freedom, values, and a standard of life unequalled in the world. But democracy in America is in danger of going to seed. It is filled with dry rot. It must again become an aggressive ideal. A soft, easy, comfortable democracy can never stand against an aggressive Communism superbly organized, with its goals set and on the march. Democracy must become a missionary, evangelizing, aggressive ideal accomplishing its purpose with the maximum of consent and a minimum of coercion.

3. Christianity is the seed plot out of which democracy stems. Democracy is not primarily a social or political movement, but a moral and spiritual movement based on the Christian fact that man has been created in the image of God. The sub-soil of democracy is Christianity. Elton Trueblood with keen discrimination in one of his books describes our civilization as a cut flower civilization which wilts and dies because it has been separated from its roots. The same is true of democracy. The most patriotic act of world healing in which any man can engage is to restore and strengthen the roots of his Christian faith, to provide the soil out of which a vital democracy can rise and grow.

4. America desperately needs men. The American venture demands an economic system, financial strength, an adequate Army and Navy, but more than anything else it needs men. You may create a perfect utopia, sweep the world clean of autocracy, scrub it white from militarism, carpet it in democracy, drape it in the flags of republicanism, hang on its walls the pictures of freedom, but unless we have the men to sustain it, it can't last.

God give us men of stature and integrity, who stand for truth, who believe in the American venture, and who will work to maintain untrammelled freedom. God give us men who will grasp their fathers' tradition, who will not shame their mothers, nor fail their brothers; men who are true as truth, tender as brave, men who tread where saints have trod, for home, for country, and for God. God give us men to save America in order that America may save the world.



Five men distinguished in the humane fields of religion, education, and medicine, were the recipients of degrees *honoris causa*. Their names and citations are given below:

LAURENCE FORMAN KINNEY, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in the Class of 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; of the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity; of the University of Virginia with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; an effective minister whose interests turned to the training of young people in the Assembly's Training School, and who now is the Professor of Bible at Southwestern in Memphis; a man so forward-looking that he is held in the highest esteem by his colleagues in religion and education; so fair that he maintains the respect of those who may not agree with him; I now confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws of Hampden-Sydney College.

LUTHER LUCIAN PRICE, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in the Class of 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond with the



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## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

*Luther L. Price, D.D., Harry A. Fifield, D.D., George Eli Bennett, Sc.D., Laurence F. Kinney, LL.D., Hugh C. Brenaman, Sc.D.*

degree of Bachelor of Divinity; a pastor, so beloved and so effective that he has the distinction of having been called and installed three times as pastor of the same congregation; a Chaplain with honorable service in World War II on the carrier *Okinawa*; a gentleman whose gentleness and manhood is far greater than can be expected from physical size; I now confer on you the degree of Doctor of Divinity of Hampden-Sydney College.

**HUGH CRAWFORD BRENAMAN**, a member of the Hampden-Sydney Class of 1923; for thirty years a gifted Christian leader in the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond; an outstanding coach and athletic director at St. Christopher's School, in which capacity he has not only been a wise counsellor and an example to youth but also he has used his position to be a moulder of character; I now confer on you the degree of Doctor of Science of Hampden-Sydney College.

**HARRY AMOS FIFIELD**, a graduate of the University of Florida with the Bachelor of Arts degree; and of the Princeton Theological Seminary with the degree of Bachelor of Theology; a beloved pastor in both the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches; during the second World War an efficient chaplain in the United States Navy; a civic-minded citizen of his community; an attractive preacher of a thoughtful Baccalaureate Sermon; I now confer on you the degree of Doctor of Divinity of Hampden-Sydney College.

**GEORGE ELI BENNETT**, a graduate of the University of Maryland with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; the illustrious orthopedic surgeon on the staff of the School of Medicine of Johns Hopkins University for thirty-three years until he was made Emeritus Professor in 1947; an outstanding member of many medical and surgeons' associations and former President of the American Orthopedic Association and of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; indeed "within the domain of his specialty, orthopedic surgery, he has been the recipient of every honor that can be bestowed on him." His associate says, "Judged by any standard, he ranks as one of God's noblemen," the preserver of many a valuable player of baseball fame; I now confer on you the degree of Doctor of Science of Hampden-Sydney College.



At this point in the proceedings came the focal ceremony of the whole morning—the presentation of diplomas to the fifty-six seniors who had thus reached the terminal and crowning point of their long college years. The prolonged applause which rose from all parts of the crowded auditorium at the conclusion of the procession across the stage was well merited. The names, honors, home towns, and immediate plans of the graduates were as follows:

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Adams, Jerome Michael, Service.....	McKeesport, Pa.
Ames, Sheppard Kellam, Jr., Marine Corps.....	Cape Charles, Va.
Anderson, Steeling Price, Jr.....	South Hill, Va.
Andrews, Richard Shelton, cum laude, Union Theological Seminary	Blacksburg, Va.
Bagley, Joseph Marshall, Service.....	Flushing, N. Y.
Bahen, George Edward, Jr., Law School.....	Salisbury, Md.
Burnet, Carter Braxton, Service.....	Norfolk, Va.
Davis, Ernest Gary, Jr., Navy (O. C. S.).....	Richmond, Va.
Ducker, John Talbot, Service.....	Huntington, W. Va.
Edmunds, Richard Coles, Jr., cum laude, Navy (O. C. S.)	Halifax, Va.
Fitzgerald, William Cabell, cum laude, T. C. Williams Law School,	Rumford P. O., Va.
Freeman, George Cephas, Jr.....	Fredericksburg, Va.
Harris, James Selden, Marine Corps.....	Blackstone, Va.
James, John Bruce, Jr., Service.....	Richmond, Va.
Jenkins, Ray Redford, Union Theological Seminary.....	Keysville, Va.
Johnson, Robert Murray, Undecided.....	Roanoke, Va.
Kelly, Chester Scott, Summa cum laude, First Honor,	Navy (O. C. S.).....
Kilby, John Irvine, Service.....	Berea, Ky.
Minter, Owen Randolph, Service.....	Milton, N. C.
Murphy, William Tayloe, Jr., U. of Va. Law School.....	Martinsville, Va.
Norcross, William Walter, Service.....	Warsaw, Va.
Polk, Ronald Stohrer, Marine Corps.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
Saffelle, Robert Luther, Jr., Marine Corps.....	Huntington, W. Va.
Shands, William Ridley, Jr.....	Emporia, Va.
Stanfield, John Edwin, Magna cum laude	Richmond, Va.
Union Theological Seminary.....	Hot Springs, Ark.
Thornhill, William Rathborn, Medical College of Va.....	Pulaski, Va.
Uhler, Edward Kemper, Jr., Law School.....	Annandale, Va.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ansell, Burness Ferdinand, Jr., Medical College of Va.	Marion, Ohio
Billings, Richard Brown, Service.....	Scarsdale, N. Y.
Brittain, Hervey Peery, Medical College of Va.....	Tazewell, Va.
Christopher, Augustus George Washington, Jr.	Medical College of Va.....
Davis, Richard Randolph, Work—Undecided what.....	Remo, Va.
deHass, Phillip Moring, Service.....	Richmond, Va.
Erwin, William Swadley, Jr., U. of Va. Medical School.....	Arlington, Va.
Ford, Albert Christian, Cum laude, Marriage and Law School	Bristol, Va.
Goodwin, Edward LeBaron.....	Richmond, Va.
Graham, Billie Joe, Cum laude, Teach School.....	Richmond, Va.
Henderson, Page Haymore, Undecided.....	Charleston, W. Va.
Hoffman, Frank Rodney, Work for Telephone Company	Brookneal, Va.
Kiser, Hubert Elmer, Jr., Cum laude, Service.....	Richmond, Va.
LeCompte, Edwin Lee, Marriage and Coast Guard.....	Tazewell, Va.
Liebert, Henry Siegfried, Jr.....	Richmond, Va.
McGinn, Harry Gallant, Jr., Service.....	Danville, Va.
Mathews, Robert Stanley, Cum laude.....	Washington, D. C.
Miller, Jacob Hunter.....	Roanoke, Va.
Oppenheimer, William Mayo, Magna cum laude, Third Honor,	U. of Va. Medical School.....
Owen, John Harding, Summa cum laude, Second Honor	Richmond, Va.
Florida State Graduate School.....	Norfolk, Va.
Passano, William Moore, Jr., Marine Corps.....	Baltimore, Md.
Proffit, James Woodford, Magna cum laude.....	Highland Springs, Va.
Simmons, John Wehb III, Medical College of Va.....	Martinsville, Va.
Talbot, Stuart Allen.....	Petersburg, Va.
Taylor, Garland Scott, Service.....	Enfield, N. C.
Tyler, Colbert McLaurine, Navy.....	Newport News, Va.
Wall, Eric Herbert, Coast Guard.....	Norfolk, Va.
White, Stuart Bruce, Cum laude, Medical College of Va.	Blackstone, Va.
Young, Charles Reames, Magna cum laude,	U. of Va. Medical School.....
	Hebron, Va.

[NOTE: The thanks of the editors are due Harry McGinn for his survey of the Senior Class to ascertain the immediate plan of each of its members.]





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SCOTT KELLY, VALEDICTORIAN

*Out of songs, recollections*

Valedictorian of this Class of 1953, with a four-year average of 93.31, was Scott Kelly of Berea, Kentucky. He was closely followed by John Harding Owen of Norfolk, Virginia, whose average was 93.14. The valedictory address has come to be one of the brightest spots in Hampden-Sydney commencement proceedings and a source of pride for those connected with the College. Mr. Kelly's speech was one of the best of the series. Humorous yet serious, it held the close attention of his classmates and all who were gathered there. It appears below:

Mr. Dean, Dr. Overt, Members of the Board of Trustees, Members of the Faculty, Classmates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is now time for the Class of '53 to say "farewell." Speaking for all the Seniors, I think I can safely say that we are all very happy to be the owners of these diplomas and consequently happy to be leaving Hampden-Sydney; but for us, this leave-taking is the final one after four intensely active years and therefore must be somewhat thoughtfully reflective. Now that we are preparing to take that last walk through Memorial Gate, we are trying to focus in our mind's eye some permanent pattern of pictures that will forever remain as our memory of college life. It is a personal problem for each of us. No two patterns will be alike, but this is as it should be, for here at Hampden-Sydney there is no desire to produce enlightened automatons but intellectually broadened individuals. Despite the fifty-six different patterns, all of them will possess certain points in common.

Perhaps all our recollections could easily be reduced to the associations created by songs, popular at the moment, either here or across the nation. This is not too surprising, for Andrew Fletcher once wrote, "Give me the making of the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws."

At the very beginning I had better say that no song is reminding me of the classwork and the daily routine of study that were part and parcel of our college life, but I do not count this an error in the plan, for it is just this routine of classwork that we shall not remember. It was perhaps the most important part of our Hampden-Sydney life—it certainly was the most hurried—but it is not the item that we shall remember, once the diploma has been safely tucked away under the linen in the bottom bureau drawer.

We shall, however, always remember *Glass of the Finest* and the *Hampden-Sydney Hymn*. As frosh we did adore, even though our rat caps, blocked by the fall monsoons, made us all appear to have pointed heads; as sophs we explored all of the camous, including the cemeteries, ferreting out little-known markers hidden by the towering boxwoods, that we might be fortified with names to send the pledges out looking for; as for carving our names, we so undermined the dormitories with our industrious chiseling that the college has found it expedient to completely renovate both buildings. The junior year found us in the orthodox role of patrollers, but we expanded our jurisdiction to the point that it included the local bovines and the college bell. The girls in the pleasantly numerous and diversified women's colleges in the state will be the first to attest that as

seniors we extolled our college, hours on end, at the same time either directly or by sly innuendoes casting aspersions on the larger and more pretentious male institutions. As a team of tried—and often tired—heroes we have always defended the garnet and the gray, and in the future through song and story we shall ever spread our alma mater's fame the length and breadth of this land.

*Lady of Spain* and *Moulin Rouge* will remind us of the romance and travel that are two of the basic considerations of our college life. Parenthetically, most of us can now, thanks to considerate guidance by our language professors, at least make a stab at translating the latter title. In a men's college the most often-mentioned word is the four-letter one: g-i-r-l. There must be a moral there somewhere. In and out of class, day and night, the new romance and the next big heavy date have been the paramount consideration. Romance in a men's college is always linked with travel. Though few of us have gotten to the Prades Festival in Iberia or to Toulouse-Lautree's old haunt in Paris, we have raced the convertibles to Nags Head, D. C., New York, Boston, and all points west, just to see that cute Elementary Ed. major one more time. The ethereal "affairs" and the overnight trips will be two of the most prominent memories in our patterns.

The current novelty number about the little pup in the display front will remind us of the many novelties of college life. We will recall the professors' afternoon strolls—the perambulations that a recent ALUMNI RECORD nostalgically defended—and the little individual characteristics of each teacher; the sound of a railroad train, caused by the rhythmic clapping of hands just after the whistle blew for the second half of the basketball game; the freshman Randolph-Macon bonfire; the British debate team oratorically expounding the virtues of socialized medicine.

All of these will be pleasant memories. We are deeply indebted to the faculty, administration, and people of The Hill for allowing us to experience these frivolities in a time when the song *Cry* can poignantly be hummed throughout all of the homes of the nation. We are not basically flippant and insensible to the political, ethical, social, and economic troubles of our day;—but we have allowed ourselves, while we were safely hidden away here in the heart of Virginia, the rare privilege of casting aside the older generation's dilemmas for a short time that we might gain the maturity and wisdom of our elders so that we too may join in the constant struggle for self-improvement, for the fight of good versus evil which has characterized the history of mankind.

We are even more indebted to Hampden-Sydney for its emphasis on those ideals which make for a stronger, more enlightened citizenry. With the educations that the college has bestowed upon us, we may face the future with a feeling of confidence in ourselves and our abilities which will help us in a large degree to find some order and meaning in a world that is uncertain and afraid.

The currently popular song *I Believe* with its inherent spiritual theme will always recall for us College Church with its native dignity and strength and beauty, the religious tradition and foundation of the school, and the Christian professors with their positive philosophy of life, moulded by years of devotion to the Church. For the privilege of attending a school motivated by righteousness rather than self-righteousness, by the Deity and his angels rather than agnosticism and its empirical tenets of materialism, by inner strength rather than outward show, we are sincerely grateful.

Finally we remember in this our departure from Hampden-Sydney as graduates that Lamartine once wrote that "life is a series of preludes to an unknown song." As this is true, then the songs of '53 and all our years—those songs which reflect the true inner life of us better than any outward laws can ever do—must be ones that will be proper overtures to the unobservable symphony that is eternity. Hampden-Sydney has dealt graciously and generously with us, but in the final analysis it is we ourselves who must see to it that the preludes, the overtures, will be in key with and in the same spirit as the "unknown song" which awaits us all.



With the singing of the College Hymn by the graduating class, the exercises concluded. Following the commencement luncheon on the Venable Hall lawn, the Classes of 1903, 1913, 1923, 1933, and 1943 held their reunion meetings. By virtue of its fiftieth anniversary, the Class of 1903 had been given special prominence in the academic procession. Six of its original sixteen members were back, giving the Class of 1953 a high goal to aim for, percentagewise, in the year 2003.



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THE CLASS OF 1903, REUNITED

STANDING, l. to r.: B. B. Reynolds, R. S. Preston, Luther Sheldon.  
SEATED: W. T. Williams, A. W. Wood, W. C. Jackson.

The final event of the day was the meeting of the General Alumni Association. J. Stras Gillespie, '25, was elected president, succeeding John R. Brinser, '27. Thomas J. Headlee, '21, was elected vice-president, and P. Tulane Atkinson, '07, secretary-treasurer. The complete minutes of the meeting are as follows:

The annual meeting of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association convened in the Frank Stoddert Johns Auditorium at 2 P. M., June 8, 1953, with a larger-than-usual number of alumni in attendance.

President John R. Brinser, '27, presided. The invocation was offered by Dr. Laurence F. Kinney, '26.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Chairman named a Nominating Committee composed of Messrs. R. C. Edmunds, '25; Robert W. Bugg, '20, and A. F. Dillard, '33. These gentlemen were requested to retire and bring to the meeting a suggested slate of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Brinser reminded the meeting that this was the first time in fourteen years that President Gammon had failed to be present to address the Association. He expressed his personal regret that President Gammon could not be with us. Whereupon Acting President David C. Wilson was asked to address the meeting on the state of the College. This he did in such clear manner as to convince the Association that the session just closed had been up to standard and that the outlook for the new session is most encouraging.

Mr. Wycliffe C. Jackson, '03, was recognized, and, as the President of his class, was invited to address the Association. In Mr. Jackson's response he showed his hearers very clearly that neither his clarity nor vigor were impaired by the fifty years that had elapsed since his class graduated. His remarks were heard with the closest attention and sustained interest. He impressed upon us all that only when a man lives for others does he derive the greatest pleasure from living. He voiced the conviction that in the past a mistake had been made in not pressing with more force the claims of the College on alumni and friends of the institution. He placed special emphasis on the appropriateness of a bequest left to the College by those who draw their final wills. He said he never asked others to do a thing that he himself was not willing to do, at which point he announced to the assembled alumni that he had already executed his will, by the terms of which the College will ultimately inherit a princely sum. The applause that greeted this announcement showed that the alumni were thrilled by Mr. Jackson's generous treatment of the old College.

Mr. Brinser thanked Mr. Jackson on behalf of the Association both for his timely message and for the spirit that prompted him to make such a generous provision in his will for his alma mater.

The Treasurer's report was made, heard, and ordered filed.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to write to President Gammon and felicitate him on his speedy and complete recovery,

assuring him of the deep regret that the Association felt in his enforced absence.

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate:

For President.....Mr. J. Stras Gillespie, '25

For Vice President.....Mr. Thomas J. Headlee, '21

For Secretary and Treasurer..Mr. P. Tulane Atkinson, '07

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted and the gentlemen named were duly elected for the ensuing year.

Retiring President Brinser thereupon welcomed Incoming President Gillespie and turned the gavel over to him. Mr. Gillespie expressed his appreciation of the honor that had been conferred upon him and pledged his every effort for the advancement of the College and the work of the Association for the coming year.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
P. TULANE ATKINSON, Secretary

So ended one more Hampden-Sydney commencement. So arose again the sadness at seeing depart another group of young men whose lives have been closely bound for a time with an institution it is hoped they have come to respect and love. It is always true that there are others coming up to take the places of those who go—but no one ever really fills another's place. The graduates of 1953 may be assured that for them their niche will be secure, their friendship prized, their memory bright.



## Hampden-Sydney Alumni Fund

### CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

June 1, 1952—May 31, 1953

#### RECEIPTS

Cash Balance June 1, 1952.....	\$15,478.58
Gifts (unrestricted as to use).....	\$29,293.50
Gifts (for designated purposes):	
Scholarships .....	\$1,320.00
Student Aid.....	1,800.00
Library Books, etc.....	499.00
Endowment .....	90.00
Faculty Salaries.....	50.00
Athletics .....	47.50
Golf .....	25.00
Scientific Depts.....	35.00
Improvements to	
Venable Hall.....	20.00
Religious Purpose.....	5.00
Total Designated Gifts.....	3,891.50
Total Gifts.....	33,185.00
	<u>\$48,663.58</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Salary Secretary.....	\$2,700.00
Clerical Help.....	1,094.01
Stationery & Printing.....	913.70
Postage .....	420.05
Office Supplies.....	423.74
Hotel & Travel.....	231.42
Telephone & Telegraph....	85.18
Commencement &	
Home-Coming Exp.....	184.39
Social Security.....	59.23
Total Operating Expenses....	\$6,111.72
Publishing THE RECORD.....	4,082.39
Gifts Distributed as per Designated	
Purposes Above.....	3,891.50
To Renovation of Cushing Hall....	26,000.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$40,085.61
Balance June 1, 1953.....	8,577.97
	<u>\$48,663.58</u>

Alumni Contributors..... 1,042  
Friends .....

P. TULANE ATKINSON, Treasurer



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

*The author of this article was editor of the Hampden-Sydney "Tiger" during the past session. In this capacity he turned out one of the best jobs of recent years.*

The 1952-1953 session of Hampden-Sydney College began unofficially on August 31, 1952, when a number of football players checked in at the gym for early practice. By this time, the improvements on Cushing Hall were almost complete—now there were tile lavatories, chrome showers, and linoleum flooring. The rooms and halls had been redecorated and the first of the new sag-proof beds had arrived. The new cinder track was finished and some grass now grew on the newly turtle-backed Death Valley.

By the middle of September, 105 freshmen reported for orientation. It took them only a few days to become familiar with the names of the football stars and the thumbing station in front of College Church. It was the smallest freshman class since the war, but it was to distinguish itself as one of the most active. Freshmen were largely responsible for the increased activity of the Glee Club, the Tiger, and the Union-Philanthropic Society, and for replacing graduates on the varsity teams.

The upper-classmen arrived shaking hands and resuming the conversation where it had ended in June. The freshmen were inspected with interest and greeted with warmth. As usual, registration in the old gym was one of the more disagreeable experiences. The old gym was hot and the queue moved very slowly down the narrow stairway.

The initial optimism of the first week was choked by the loss of the opening football game to Shepherd College, a team they had beaten soundly in the last game of the previous season. The squad overcame this disappointment, however, with a winning season. Randolph-Macon was tied in a big game in the Richmond City Stadium, and Emory and Henry was forced to give up an 18-game winning streak.

The sophomores wasted no time in putting hazing into effect. This freshman class was only too willing to do what was expected of it. There were numerous rallies and enthusiastic sign campaigns, and attendance at the games was excellent.

The automobile restriction having been relaxed, the parking area near Cushing Hall now resembled a used-car lot. There were automobiles of all ages, sizes, and models. Most of them were Plymouths, Fords, and Chevrolets, but there were several of a more luxurious nature.

There were other changes in the regulations which had immediate effect. The new and generous cut allowance permitted large scale evacuations on the week ends. This week-end wandering has been the subject of much disapproval but it has many advantages. Hampden-Sydney students generally conduct themselves well and their wanderings have served to promote the college favorably wherever they go. Moreover, boys must have girls, and a chance to get away from studies for a brief while serves to refresh a student for the next week.

There are two great threats in the life of a Hampden-Sydney student: tests and laboratories. Tests seem to come in bunches, occurring during two or three days at regular two-week intervals. A great many students do all their studying during this period, which increases the agony of its duration but permits movies and television at other times. Lab may occur anywhere from one to four times a week, and

it is detested proportionately. It is tiresome, uncomfortable, and uncuttable.

Minor dislikes are numerous. There is, for instance, the required chapel on Wednesday and the pop quiz for which one must always be ready. The term paper and parallel list are annoying, too. Exams, to say the least, are awful.

The College Shop was an object of unfounded suspicion. There were frequent complaints concerning its prices especially in books, but the shop is beyond criticism. Its prices were justified under investigation. Students would never believe this, however, because the shop was and always will be a pet scapegoat.

The Commons was another place of contention. It was true that the food was sometimes below par, but the situation was not as bad as the students pretended. The Commons merits an investigation, but it has not received one so far. Some students believe a cafeteria similiar to those at Randolph-Macon, Emory and Henry, and other small colleges would answer the problem.

The students considered the library a good one. Many of them studied there nightly. However, they did not like the failure of the school to purchase some books which the authorities seem to think ought not to be available to young men.

The Home-Coming week end was a great blowout. The students were not too happy to hear a band they had disliked the year before, and the football loss to Sewanee, though close, was disappointing. Nevertheless, the dance and the parties were successful and everyone had a good time.

It was apparent from the start that Hampden-Sydney was not going to be the basketball power it had been. This was perfectly understandable with the loss of Emerson Johnson. All teams, no matter how well-coached or well-bought, have cycles with good and bad seasons, but the students were disappointed to find ours was no exception. There was an unfortunate gnashing of teeth and turning of backs because the team could not stand up to well-endowed Richmond, William and Mary, and the University of Virginia. The student body was guilty of bad sportsmanship in accusing the athletic department of robbing basketball to build football. This was unfair to the athletic director and the basketball coach who had been given only a few months to prepare for the basketball season. The students forgot that it takes several years to build a good team in basketball. Despite the talk the team had a good season, not spectacular, but successful.

The Glee Club and Debate Team both saw a happy renovation. Attendance at Glee Club rehearsal was much improved and freshmen bolstered the membership. There were programs at Martinsville, Arlington, Lawrenceville, and Richmond. The Debate Team traveled to New York, Bridgewater, Virginia Tech, Roanoke College, and the University of Richmond. The team placed second in the state tournament which was held at Hampden-Sydney.

The Union-Philanthropic is called a literary society. This is misleading because the society devotes its meetings to debates, largely of a political nature. [However, it did sponsor a "literary tea," devoted to a discussion of Thomas Nelson Page and his writings. See page 22—Ed.] It was extremely active and was energetically supported by its small but devoted membership. The society room was refurbished during the year.

Although handicapped with a small budget, the *Tiger* produced twenty-one editions. Through advertising and subscription campaigns, its budget was one of the most stable of the campus organizations. The paper was able to cover most of the news and to measure student opinion on many of the important questions of the year.

One such question was the proposed strengthening of the honor system. For several years, trials of dishonor cases had been futile because unprincipled fraternity brothers or buddies of the accused voted for friendship rather than for integrity. Now the council proposed to disqualify all such persons (roommates, relatives, and fraternity brothers) from judgment. It was also proposed to allow anyone else who felt he was too intimate with the accused to disqualify himself. The code was to be further improved by immediate expulsion as a correction for a situation of dishonor. All of the proposals were accepted in a plebiscite and they were soon effective in restoring the high degree of honor prevalent at Hampden-Sydney in years past.

There were more fraternity parties than in former years. Some were private but many were opened hospitably to all. Most of them were equipped with combos, small instrumental groups. The Chi Phi and Kappa Alpha Rose dances were superlative and the joint party between the Sigma Chis and Theta Chis was an excellent idea. More such parties should be organized in the future for the common good will.

The intramural athletic program started with touch football in the fall. The contestants were allowed to block but not to tackle, a circumstance which, as usual, produced as many injuries as varsity football.

Intramurals hit their peak during basketball season. Each fraternity and the Independents put up an A team, their best players, and a B team, their second best players. The games were held in the new gym at night. Intramurals were also held in cross-country, ping pong, track, tennis, and debating. In the spring, softball was the most important and popular sport. Placing in each sport provides an organization with a certain number of points and the team with the greatest total number is awarded the intramural cup for the year. The Kappa Sigs won this year.

During the second week of February, 1953, freshmen were conducted to formal rush parties at the fraternities. This opportunity was utilized in trying to talk each potential pledge into joining the fraternity. At the end of the week, the rushees were isolated from all fraternity men so that they could make their own decisions. At this time, Venable Hall was in turmoil. The memory of this night will never be forgotten. The boys wander from room to room, persuading, cajoling, listing names, and discussing their plight. The pressures put on each individual were cruel. Rumors of changed or decided minds spread like down from a broken pillow and any moment threatened a stampede.

Monday was a day of disappointment, ruined friendships, painful embarrassment, and bitterness. On this day, some fraternities were strengthened, some were saved, and some were ruined. It was the same as in years before.

It is the firm belief of all Hampden-Sydney students that it rains at Hampden-Sydney seventy-five per cent of the time. For instance, it rained on two consecutive Wednesdays this Spring, postponing the intramural track meet two weeks. It is hard to remember a single week end completely free from rain since January. It has rained during dances and parties with regularity. It would be wise to bring an umbrella when you come to visit.

The death of Miss Minnie Lacy during the Christmas vacation was a tragedy. Her Lacy House or "Minnie House," as the boys called it, was the epitome of southern hospitality. Miss Lacy was a kind and understanding lady who was held in great respect and admiration. She did not ask that her boarders be punctual and she encouraged them to bring their friends and girl friends on the week ends when there were vacant seats at her tables.

Spring is the season for baseball, tennis, and sun bathing at Hampden-Sydney. As far as participation is concerned, sun bathing was the most popular of the three; tennis was the most successful. The tennis team, with excellent players in every position, came up with a winning season (10 won and 5 lost). In baseball and track, there were standouts but there were no Gladstone Smiths or Eugene Mileners.

The public lakes near Farmville are very popular. Lake excursions are usually organized in the following manner: before, during, or shortly after lunch, someone says "Let's go" and someone else promptly agrees. Then a car owner is carefully absorbed by the party. Within the hour they are under way with blankets and bathing suits. There is always a stop in Farmville for dates, and they are off for Goodwin's, Horsepen, Bear Creek, or Holliday Lake.

Student Body officer elections were held in mid-Spring. They are the zenith of fraternity politics and fraternity consciousness returns for a few days. Jim Stokes of Kenbridge, Virginia, was finally elected President of the 1953-1954 Student Body in a close poll.

The Student Christian Association staged two religious emphasis weeks with invited speakers and organized prayer meetings. The association is dedicated to bettering the standard of Christianity on the campus. In addition, they print the "rat bible" or freshman handbook and supervise the S. C. A. study hall in Morton Hall.

The Kaleidoscope worked quietly in the background during the year, taking pictures of many of the campus organizations and their officers. This year's annual, issued on June 2, was dedicated to Professor H. B. Overcash.

Although the Jongleurs were encouraged with a big freshman enrollment, the dramatic society was hampered by too close an association with Longwood College. The plays produced, "The Glass Menagerie," "Death Takes A Holiday," and three one-act plays, were excellent, but the male parts were few. The reading of Job and the Easter Bible reading were all Hampden-Sydney programs which were given in chapel with great success.

Something must be said for the Independent Organization. This is an open fraternity which may be joined by any non-fraternity man who wishes. The Independents compete in intramural contests, they throw parties, and they maintain a house for the older members. The chief problem of the Independents is the lack of financial support. Some of its members cannot afford the customary fraternity dues. During the first semester, movies were given in an effort to raise money but there were so many gate crashers that the project was sabotaged. It was deplorable that the other students should show such ingratitude for a genuine and honest attempt to better campus activities.

One Wednesday in May, Mademoiselle Denise Montaigne of Paris and Longwood College came to Morton Hall to lecture a class in French. Her presence was evident from the mob of grinning, shirt-sleeved admirers clustered about the door of the third-floor room which faced the stairs. This refreshing French girl, effervescent with vivaciousness



and good humor, faced the foreign masculinity without a qualm. Her voice was enchanting and the experience was exceedingly pleasant for her listeners.

The Senior Class of 1953 has become history now. Although the class was thinned by the depression, it produced some spectacular manhood. There were outstanding scholars, excellent administrative, medical, and ministerial candidates, and a generally honest and alert presence of mind, ready for life in these United States. They will have to be ready, for the demands of their future will be immense.

—WILLIAM H. TRAPNELL, JR., '54



## Fauré's Requiem Presented in College Church

The combined choral groups of Longwood and Hampden-Sydney Colleges presented a memorial musical service in the College Church on Tuesday evening, May 12. Dr. John W. Molnar, director of the two choirs, conducted the group in the singing of Fauré's Requiem, Opus 48.

The program was given as a tribute to the memories of Dr. James Buckner Massey, for many years the beloved professor of Bible; Dr. Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, president emeritus; Dr. Robert Cecil Beale, formerly professor of English literature and director of the college church choir; Mrs. James W. Crawley, Miss Minnie Lyle Lacy, and Miss Emma Cabell Venable, long time residents of Hampden-Sydney who endeared themselves to students and people of the Hampden-Sydney and Farmville communities.

The printed program was as follows:

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY GLEE CLUB  
and  
LONGWOOD COLLEGE CHOIR  
present  
A JOINT CONCERT  
IN MEMORIAM  
DR. JOSEPH DUPUY EGGLESTON  
DR. JAMES BUCKNER MASSEY  
DR. ROBERT CECIL BEALE  
MISS MINNIE LACY  
MRS. JAMES W. CRAWLEY, SR.  
MISS EMMA C. VENABLE

REQUIEM, OP. 48.....Fauré

Grant Them Rest Eternal

Offertory

Soli: Winston Johnson, Scott Kelly, James Harris

Sanctus

Blessed Jesus

Solo: Doris Horne

Lamb of God

Deliver Me

Solo: Joseph White

In Paradise

DR. JOHN W. MOLNAR, *Conductor*

HOWARD HANSON, *Piano*

BETSY WELBON, *Violin*

Tuesday Evening, May 12, 1953

8:00 P. M.

College Church



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## Gift Of The Class Of 1953

For outdoor sitting places, Hampden-Sydneyites have had to rely largely on the tubular rails of the College Fence, a few transitory wooden benches, the steps of certain buildings, and the green, green grass.

Now, through the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Senior Class of 1953, a start has been made in providing more stately and ornamental facilities of rest for the weary. The handsome marble bench depicted here has been placed in front of Westminster Hall (the Administration Building) parallel to College Street. Here two major axes of the campus intersect, so that the sitter may look far into the western woods between Johns and Bagby and into the western horizon where the Hill falls away, or north and south



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through the church yard to the right and the yard of the College Shop to the left.

Sedent in the top picture is Bruce James, Jr., president of the graduating class and a prime mover in the presentation. It should be noted that the title of this article refers to the bench he is sitting on, and not to Mr. James himself.

Below is a closer view of the bench and its inscription. Report has it that originally the wording was to have been "Presented to Hampden-Sydney College by the Glorious Class of 1953." Somehow the "glorious" is not there, but the glory is. The Class of 1953 will not be forgotten.



PROFESSOR HINTON BAXTER OVERCASH  
*For outstanding service . . .*

## Kaleidoscope Dedicated To Professor Overcash

The citation in the 1953 Kaleidoscope expresses in a most fitting way the esteem in which the recipient of this honor is held:

For thirty-one years of outstanding service to Hampden-Sydney; for his marvelous instruction, by which he has gained the respect of his students and colleagues alike; for his exemplary Christian life, by which he has won the admiration of all with whom he has come in contact; it is with sincere pleasure that we, the Staff of the 1953 *Kaleidoscope*, dedicate this fifty-seventh volume to Hinton Baxter Overcash, Professor of Biology.



## New Church Bulletin Board

Mrs. W. McIlwaine Thompson, in memory of her late husband who was pastor of College Church from 1949 to 1951, has given the church a bulletin board, recently installed in the church yard. Thus she has added one more characteristic act of generosity to many others.

The memory of Dr. Thompson's fine pastorate and engaging personality would have abided as long as there

lived members of the congregation who knew him. This tangible memorial will be a silent witness to future generations as well.

The bulletin board was installed in the church yard in May. It is pictured on the cover, with the Reverend William B. Rogers, present College pastor, standing beside it.



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RICHARD C. EDMUNDS, JR., '53

## McIlwaine Thompson Tennis Trophy And Winner

Dr. W. McIlwaine Thompson, pastor of College Church from 1949 to 1951, was an outstanding tennis player during his college days at Davidson. While at Hampden-Sydney, he served as tennis coach. After he left to teach at Union Theological Seminary, he and Mrs. Thompson donated a trophy to be awarded the winner of the spring tennis tournament. Since Dr. Thompson's death last year, Mrs. Thompson has continued this award.

The winner of this year's tournament was Richard C. Edmunds, Jr., '53. He is pictured above with the W. McIlwaine Thompson Tennis Trophy.





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NEW PHI BETA KAPPA MEMBERS

SEATED, l. to r.: S. B. Campbell, L. F. Kinney, and T. H. McGavock.  
 STANDING: C. S. Kelly, W. M. Oppenheimer, C. R. Young, J. W. Proffitt, J. H. Owen, and J. E. Stanfield.

## Phi Beta Kappa Initiates

The Eta of Virginia Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa, initiated six students and three alumni into membership on Saturday, June 6. The annual Phi Beta Kappa dinner followed in the Commons.

Students initiated were Chester Scott Kelly, Berea, Kentucky; William Mayo Oppenheimer, Richmond, Virginia; John Harding Owen, Norfolk, Virginia; James W. Proffitt, Richmond, Virginia; John Edwin Stanfield, Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Charles Reames Young, Hebron, Virginia.

The alumni members were Stuart Bland Campbell, '06, of Wytheville, Virginia; Dr. Lawrence F. Kinney, '26, of Memphis, Tennessee; and Dr. Thomas H. McGavock, '17, of Scarsdale, New York.

Mr. Campbell has long been active in state legal and political circles. At present he is president of the Virginia State Board of Law Examiners and a member of the Executive committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. He is also a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Between 1942-1946 he represented Wythe County in the Virginia General Assembly.

Dr. Kinney received his B.D. degree from the Union Theological Seminary, and his Doctor's degree from University of Virginia. At present he is head of the Bible Department of Southwestern University, Memphis, Tenn. In 1951-52 he served as President of the Presbyterian Educational Association of the South.

After leaving Hampden-Sydney, Dr. McGavock attended and was graduated from Hahneman Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., in 1923. He is Professor of Clinical Medicine, New York Medical College, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He has been a writer and contributor in the field of medical literature and was in 1951 the author of a book, "The Thyroid Gland." He also holds membership in Sigma Upsilon national literary society.

## Mrs. Hanes Takes Over Hampden House

The boarding house at Hampden House, run so capably and graciously for many years by Miss Minnie Lacy, who died last December, will be under the management of Mrs. J. G. Hanes next session.

Mrs. Hanes moved to Hampden-Sydney on June 15 from Farmville, where she had furnished meals for boarders. She is well connected already with Hampden-Sydney: Her son, J. G. Hanes, Jr., now teaching at St. Christopher's, is an alumnus of the Class of 1943. Her daughter is the wife of George Henley, '45.

It is a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Hanes to The Hill as a resident and a maintainer of one of the traditional and integral parts of Hampden-Sydney student life, now almost lost—the boarding house.



## Two Alumni, Three Students Initiated Into ODK

Lambda Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership fraternity, tapped three members of the Junior Class and two alumni in an impressive ceremony during a late spring Chapel service.

Rives Hardy of Blackstone, Virginia, and William Irvin Snead and Ernest Trice Thompson, Jr., both of Richmond, Virginia, were the students honored. Mr. Frank Moore of Norfolk, Virginia, and Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson of Richmond, Virginia, were the alumni.

Mr. Moore, '27, is a native of Prospect, Virginia. Since 1930 he has been associated with the F. S. Royster Guano Company of Norfolk, where he serves as vice president. During the war, he represented the industry in connection with the functions of the Office of Price Administration.

Dr. Thompson, '14, is professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Hampden-Sydney College.

Following initiation ceremonies, new members were honored with a banquet at Cedarbrook.



## Prep School Meeting At Hampden-Sydney

Hampden-Sydney College was host to the Virginia Association of Preparatory Schools on Monday, April 13. They met in the Alumni Lounge and had lunch at Longwood Estate. The largest attendance ever was present, even though the weather during the morning was extremely bad. The President of the Association was Dr. Robert Bugg, '20, of St. Christopher's School, Richmond. In addition to Dr. Bugg, six other alumni of Hampden-Sydney represented their respective schools. Lewis Holladay, '27, was present from Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Ben Johns, '44, from St. Stephen's School at Alexandria, J. B. Massey, '35, the Headmaster of Norfolk Academy, Douglas Copeland, '45, from The Miller School in Albemarle County, and

Colonel John Moore, '14, Superintendent of Fishburne Military Academy. Also there was present one honorary degree alumnus, Dr. John Page Williams, Dean of the Episcopal Church Schools of the Diocese of Virginia. This made a good representation from the sixteen preparatory schools. Also present by invitation were Dean Mowbry of Randolph-Macon College; Dean Mallett of the University of Virginia; Dean Gilliam of Washington and Lee University; Dean Kendig of Roanoke College; and Dean Wilson of Hampden-Sydney College. Dean Boitnott of Bridgewater College was represented by Professor Wolfe.

The principal speaker of the meeting was Mr. Alan R. Blackmer, Chairman of the Department of English at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

The Secretary of the Association is Mr. Richard R. Fletcher, the Director of Student Affairs at the University of Virginia.



## Mrs. Blanche Watkins Moves To Farmville

Mrs. Blanche Watkins, long time resident of Hampden-Sydney, will move to Farmville, Virginia, in September to make her future home. Mrs. Watkins, during her years on The Hill, has endeared herself to the people of the community and to a large number of students as well, and it is with a feeling of deep regret that her host of friends see her go.

For many years Mrs. Watkins has lived at Hampden House and ably assisted Miss Minnie Lacy as dining room hostess and helper and companion. She was active in all interests of the community and in College Church, where she was faithful in her attendance upon its services. She will be greatly missed but her friends rejoice that she will be close at hand and can still be a part of the life here. In her Hampden-Sydney has a true friend. The College will always be grateful to her for her faithfulness in carrying on the work at the boarding house following the death of Miss Minnie until the close of the regular college session in June.



## Hampden-Sydney Freshman Wins Trip Abroad

William Tucker Carrington, Jr., '56, of Richmond was selected by the Virginia Branch of the English Speaking Union as the winner of a six-weeks tour of England under the organization's youth exchange plan. Mr. Carrington is among eight youths from different sections of the United States to go on the expense-paid tour. In England, the boys will visit private homes in all parts of that country. The purpose of the trip is not only to give American boys an acquaintance with English home life, but also to give the English an idea of a good American youth.

The winner was selected on the basis of literary and scholastic ability, the qualities of manhood, the instinct to lead and to take an interest in his companions, and interest in outdoor sports. During his freshman year here, Mr. Carrington was on the Dean's list. He was a member and letterman on the cross-country team and a member of the track team, and a member of the Chi Phi social fraternity.

## Final Convocation Awards

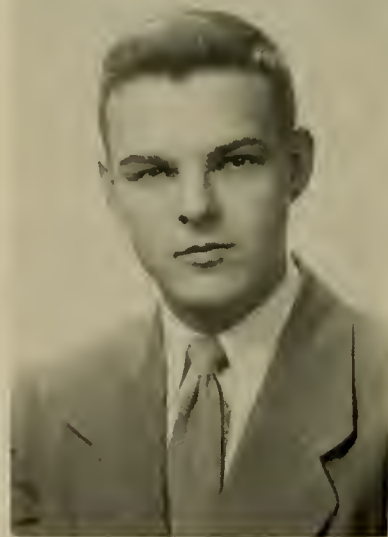
At the final convocation of the year, students who had distinguished themselves in various activities during the year were presented with appropriate awards and trophies.



THOMAS L. THORNE, JR., '55

Recipient of the ROSEWELL PAGE PRIZE of fifty dollars for the student who had made the greatest improvement in public speaking during the session was Thomas L. Thorne, Jr., '55. Mr. Thorne placed second in "discussion" in a national intercollegiate tourney in New York this past spring. Subsequently he was declared the "best debater" in the state Tau Kappa Alpha debate tournament.

The KEARFOTT STONE MEMORIAL PRIZE of fifty dollars, from a memorial fund devoted to the promotion of music on the campus, went to Howard L. Hanson, '54. Mr. Hanson, one of the most accomplished pianists to



HOWARD L. HANSON, '54



matriculate at Hampden-Sydney, has been accompanist for the Glee Club for three years, and an enthusiastic promoter of things musical.

The CAMILLA VIRGINIA TAYLOR CRAWLEY MUSIC AWARD of one hundred dollars was given to Joseph W. White, '54, soloist and president-elect of the Glee Club.

James S. Harris, '53, retiring president of the Student Body, received the ANNA CARRINGTON HARRISON AWARD of fifty dollars for constructive leadership on the campus. Mr. Harris has made a notable record in his year of office.

The McILWAINE THOMPSON TENNIS TROPHY went to Richard C. Edmunds, Jr., '53, who for the second year, had won the spring tennis tournament. Mr. Edmunds was captain of this year's excellent team.

Robert L. Saffelle, Jr., '53, received a special award of a gold tennis ball for "excellence in tennis, and service and leadership to the team." Mr. Saffelle was tennis captain last year, and he and Mr. Edmunds had constituted a most formidable Number One doubles team.

The awarding of monograms in tennis, track, and baseball concluded the convocation.



## Dr. Gilmer Attends Conference On Physics Research In Colleges

*Dr. Thomas E. Gilmer, Professor of Physics at Hampden-Sydney, was one of twenty-four men invited to the conference described below. He has prepared the following summary of its actions and significance for publication in THE RECORD.*

On May 4-6, 1953, a conference was held at Amherst College to discuss the status of physics research in colleges. The conference was jointly sponsored by Amherst College and the National Science Foundation.

Twenty-four college teachers of physics with an active interest in physics research were assembled. They were chosen so as to represent various types of college and regions of the country. In addition to the above, a representative of the N. S. F. attended the conference.

The following conclusions were reached:

The conferees agree that the instruction and intellectual development of students are the fundamental task of college teachers. They conclude, nevertheless, that this task not only is entirely compatible with the simultaneous pursuit of scientific research, but also that it is greatly aided thereby.

The liberal arts colleges of this country can make significant contributions to the national output of research; this activity will benefit both the teacher and the student, it can aid in attracting able young scientists into college teaching and generally raise the scientific maturity of our college communities.

The undergraduate colleges have played a major role in the development of physics in the United States, both by the research carried on in their laboratories and through the early training of a large proportion of working physicists. During the post-war expansion of research facilities, the potentialities of many colleges have been neglected by the granting and the contracting agencies of the Federal Government, by industry, and by the colleges themselves. This conference believes that it would be in the national interest to correct this situation.

The conference made the following recommendations:

(1) The Federal Government, through appropriate agencies, should establish a special program for awarding

grants or contracts for the encouragement of physics research in colleges not connected with large graduate schools.

(2) Grants or contracts awarded under this program have as primary objectives both the encouragement of significant research, and the improvement of the education of physicists, who will be available to strengthen science in the U. S.

(3) College administrators should actively solicit aid from private, industrial, and other non-government groups.

(4) The American Association of Physics Teachers should set up a committee which, working in cooperation with the American Institute of Physics, will investigate ways and means of promoting the support of basic physics research in colleges.

It is sincerely hoped that Hampden-Sydney can benefit by the recommendations of this conference, not only in the Department of Physics but also in the other sciences. The conference recognized the desirability of interdepartmental research projects in the small colleges. Hampden-Sydney seems ideally suited for some such program where two or more departments cooperate in their research activities.



## The Hampden-Sydney Guidance Center

On sundry Saturday mornings this Spring our students were highly intrigued at the sight of "coeds" wending their way to Morton Hall. Through the transparent glass aperture in the door of the Psychology Testing Room, these attractive visitors could later be seen in moods of concentration scarcely credited by young men to the intuitive sex. That there were male visitors went unnoticed and the campus buzzed with pleasant controversy as to whether or not Hampden-Sydney should go with the tide and become co-educational. The explanation of this mysterious invasion lay in the opening of the Hampden-Sydney Guidance Center, believed to be the first of its kind in a college for men. Flora McDonald College, our sister college for women in North Carolina, had opened one at Red Springs just a few months before. The plan, sanctioned by the action of the 1950 General Assembly of our Church (Presbyterian U. S.), is to provide vocational guidance in a Christian context and free of charge to the young people of our Church. Based upon the principle that all useful work is a Divine calling if undertaken in a Christian spirit and if it calls into play the unique talents of the individual in the service of human need, this plan gives great promise of a new kind of dedication among our youth to the vocational challenges of their generation. Eventually all of our church-related colleges will render this public service, each within its own area.

At present most of the visitors to the Guidance Center come from West Hanover Presbytery, but within the next year it is expected that two other presbyteries will take advantage of the opportunity. To date the two sexes are equally represented among those counseled. The Center is open in the Summer as well as during the regular session. Young people of other denominations are welcome if they apply. Each visitor spends two whole days and undergoes from twelve to fourteen hours of interviewing and testing. The best available standardized tests of interest, aptitude, ability, and personality are administered. In the light of all the evidence, three or four vocational "hypotheses" are set up as fields in which success and satisfaction are most

likely. No attempt is made to "sell" the counselee on any one occupation or to urge a premature decision. Each must make his own choice thoughtfully, realistically, and, we hope, prayerfully. In a day when the public schools provide guidance and when secular vocational guidance clinics in the big cities sell it for \$50, what is the stake of the Church and of the church-related college in this important area? It is precisely this. The choice of a lifework is a total life decision in which not only aptitudes and earning power are involved but over-all purpose and commitment to the supreme values of life. Here is where the secular guidance agencies are in danger of missing a vital factor.

The Hampden-Sydney Guidance Center also serves the needs of our own students. For some years we have been gradually working towards an adequate program. All our students receive vocational and educational tests. About one fifth follow this up with a more intensive study of their talents. Those who need it most often lack the gumption to apply for help. There is a prevalent notion that Uncle Sam will unscramble whatever decision you have reached. But the primary problem is still that of major life goals. A prominent Hampden-Sydney Senior who had undergone thorough personality analysis said to the writer: "I see now that my hardest choice is whether to make money or to serve my fellow men. Which am I to put foremost? Hampden-Sydney has taught me to put service first. But I was brought up in a poor home. For me it will be a painful choice."

—D. M. A.



## ALUMNI NEWS

### New York Alumni Chapter Meeting

The annual dinner of the New York Chapter was held on the evening of April 30th at the Advertising Club. Here the alumni residing in the metropolitan area have been convening for several years under the sponsorship of Otey Y. Warren, '17, who, as Chapter President, conducted the meeting. P. Tulane Atkinson, '07, Treasurer of the College, was guest of honor and spoke in his usual entertaining manner.

Out of respect to the late Dr. Eggleston the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The members of the New York Chapter desire to put on record our sense of the loss which Hampden-Sydney has sustained in the death of Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, a graduate of the Class of 1886, President of the College from 1919 to 1939, and since then President-Emeritus. He was, to the end of his life in his eighty-sixth year, unfailing in his interest in the present and past of his Alma Mater and in the region and the people to which and to whom, like himself, Hampden-Sydney owes its birth.

Among us are some whose college days preceded Dr. Eggleston's term of office, some whose undergraduate experience followed his retirement, a few whose knowledge of the man himself covers the years almost as far back as his own graduation. It is our sense that no single individual in a span of more than half a century has better represented the spirit which has made Hampden-Sydney what it is, the character which was given it right to pride; that there is no one whose service to the college has been more devoted, or whose association with the institution has set a higher

### U-P Society Celebrates Page Centennial

As a part of the statewide celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of one of Virginia's most illustrious authors, a special Thomas Nelson Page program was presented to the students, faculty, and members of the community in the Hampden-Sydney College Library on Tuesday, April 21. The program was sponsored by the Union-Philanthropic Literary Society.

David Litchfield, '55, and Thomas Thorne, '55, presented papers dealing with various phases of the life and work of the famous Virginian. Also appearing on the program was Miss Judith Spindler, daughter of Frank S. Spindler, '23. Following the program, tea was served in the Rare Book Room.

A collection of the works of the author remained on exhibit in the Library for the remainder of the month. Included in the exhibit was the original manuscript of "The Two Little Confederates," Page's most popular work, which was presented to the College by Dr. and Mrs. Frank S. Johns of Richmond.

In recent years some controversy has raged in the ranks of the "Literary Society" as to whether it is actually a literary society, but rather only a debating society. "Literary" no longer appears in its official title. The excellent presentation of the program described above is strong evidence, on the contrary, that the literary germ still is alive.

standard for the emulation of his fellow alumni who cherish the essentials of a liberal education.

New officers, to serve the Chapter for the ensuing year, were elected as follows: Dr. John H. Dunnington, '11, President; Marcus A. Harris, '30, Vice President; John B. Henneman, '20, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Atkinson was requested to convey to Dr. Gammon at an appropriate time the concern of the alumni president over his illness and their good wishes for his early recovery.

—JOHN B. HENNEMAN, *Secretary*



### Halifax Alumni Chapter Meeting

The annual meeting of the Halifax Chapter was held Monday evening, April 27, at the Lord Halifax Hotel in Halifax, Virginia. President R. C. Edmunds, '25, welcomed fifteen alumni, one student, and P. T. Atkinson, '07, as an invited guest of the College. A delightful dinner was enjoyed by all, after which Mr. Atkinson was introduced as guest speaker of the evening. He gave to those present a picture of the developments that have taken place at the College in the last several years and outlined future plans that included renovation of Venable Hall this summer, which he stated was the final act in the revamping of the College plant, as the other buildings have been repaired and in some cases restored in recent years.

He reported that President Gammon regretted his inability to be present due to illness. The chapter went on record as



extending to Dr. Gammon their sympathy and expressed the very earnest hope that his recovery would be prompt and speedy.

It had been the custom at this meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year, but on motion it was decided that the present officers would hold over to the fall meeting, at which time all hoped they would be able to get together a larger representation of alumni.



## The Richmond Alumni Chapter Meeting

The Richmond Alumni Chapter met on Tuesday, May 5, at the Commonwealth Club. About fifty members were present.

"Mike" Brinser, the President of the Chapter, presided and after an excellent dinner conducted the business affairs of the Chapter. The unanimous opinion was that the meetings should be held at the Commonwealth Club and that the fall meeting would be on the evening of Friday, November 6th, just before the Hampden-Sydney—University of Richmond game on Saturday.

Mr. Brinser called on Dr. Frank S. Johns, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for a few words; and the alumni were delighted to hear among other things an encouraging report on President Gammon's improving health.

Mr. James Hickey, the Director of Athletics, gave a summary of the different athletic teams and of next fall's football schedule. Dean David C. Wilson made a brief report on some of the college activities.

It was a most enjoyable meeting and resulted in a determination to increase the attendance next fall.



## Tidewater Alumni Chapter Meets

The Tidewater Alumni Chapter held its annual dinner meeting April 17, at the Pine Tree Inn, Norfolk, Virginia.

Resolutions were read expressing the sorrow of the members of the chapter over the passing of Dr. J. Warren White, '95.

The address for the occasion was made by Judge Archibald C. Buchanan, '10. He traced the history of the College and pointed out that the principles for which the College stands were those principles needed in the world today. He spoke feelingly of the great influence Dr. White had been in the life of the College.

Judge Buchanan also stressed the constructive contributions made to the college during the presidency of Dr. Joseph D. Eggleston, '86, and the present incumbent, Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, '05.

Mr. James B. Hickey, Athletic Director, spoke briefly on Tiger achievements for the year and praised the work of his two assistants Claude C. Milam, '48, and Waldo Matthews. Professor M. H. Bittinger, '24, gave a summary account of current activities on the campus.

Following the election of officers Mr. C. R. Hudgins, '46, retiring president, whose term of office has been marked by very able and active leadership, declared the meeting adjourned.

Resolution on the death of Dr. J. Warren White, prepared by Clarence B. Robertson, '15, and adopted by the Tidewater Chapter.

In the passing of Dr. J. Warren White on March 4th, Hampden-Sydney College lost one of her distinguished sons. He was a man prominent in the medical profession, an outstanding Christian layman—an elder in the First Presbyterian Church—and one whose high ideal in life was service to mankind. His one hobby was Hampden-Sydney College. No man living had more to do with the financial and spiritual success of his alma mater than our beloved friend, Dr. J. Warren White.

As a devoted trustee for many years, past president of the Alumni Association, and chairman of the Alumni Fund, it was largely through his personal efforts and leadership that the million dollar endowment campaign was a success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hampden-Sydney Tidewater Alumni Chapter, that in the death of Dr. J. Warren White, this chapter has lost a faithful and loyal friend; that the City of Norfolk has lost an honored and distinguished citizen.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that the Secretary be, and is hereby directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. White with an appropriate message of sympathy.

A True copy adopted and entered in the Minutes April 17, 1953.



## Executive Committee of "Parents And Friends" Meets at College

If the enthusiasm of the Executive Committee of the Parents and Friends of Hampden-Sydney College is indicative of the spirit of the larger body, then we may expect a significant success from this newest member of the Hampden-Sydney corpus. Members of the College Administration were themselves inspired by the interest exhibited by this fine group.

The beauty of the campus coupled with the loveliness of the spring day exalted the spirits of the committee to a level understood only by those who have been enchanted by the atmosphere of the "Hill." It was truly a day of real inspiration. After the initial gathering of the committee, Dr. Wilson and Mr. P. T. Atkinson accompanied them to the new John's Auditorium where the College Glee Club presented a program of sacred music. These young men under the directorship of Dr. John Molnar produced a program that any college or university in the country would have been proud of. The committee was filled with praises for what they had seen and heard in this hour.

Following lunch in the Commons the executive committee met in the office of the college president. There were formulated plans which would keep the parents and friends in closer contact with the students and the campus activities. "We parents," said Dr. George Kolmer of Salem, Virginia, "want to know more about the work of the college, the events that are taking place amongst the students, and to know the students themselves. Then we will find the proper channels through which to direct our concern.

"We must devise methods by which all Hampden-Sydney Parents and Friends may be able to see what we have seen here today," agreed Mr. Harry Rosenbaum of Roanoke, Virginia.

"One of our primary tasks will be to join as parents with our boys in promoting the total Hampden-Sydney program. We all can do much in keeping a constant flow of good Hampden-Sydney student personnel coming to the College," said Mrs. D. A. Overbey and Mrs. Royster Lyle of Danville, Virginia.

The committee wishes to encourage alumni, parents, and friends who desire to express their ideas and interest to communicate with the Secretary, Robert Bluford, Jr., Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C.

—ROBERT BLUFORD, JR., '45



## Dr. Wood Honored

Dr. Richard Hugh Wood, '19, Dean of Emory University School of Medicine, received the Doctor of Science degree from the Medical College of Virginia at the June Commencement exercises.

Dr. Wood was born in Floyd, Virginia, and was educated in the public schools there before coming to Hampden-Sydney. He was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in the Class of 1921, served his internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and his residency at the old Richmond Memorial Hospital. He was in the private practice of internal medicine in Atlanta from 1926 to 1942. At that time he was commissioned a lieutenant-colonel in the Army Medical Corps. In this capacity, he served as chief of medical service in the Army's 43rd General Hospital and in Lawson General Hospital, rising to the rank of Colonel.

Dr. Wood was released from active duty in 1945 and became physician in chief at Emory University Hospital. The following year he was made dean of the Emory University School of Medicine, a post he holds at the present time.



## Five New Ensigns

Five Hampden-Sydney alumni were among the 840 enlisted men who traded their white hats for the gold trimmed caps of commissioned ensigns, as the Navy's only Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, graduated its ninth and largest class in February.

These men were George A. Matzner, III, '49, of South Boston, Virginia; Richard N. Harris, '49, of Richmond, Virginia; George W. Lindsay, '52, of Charlottesville, Vir-

ginia; Henry G. Coghill, Jr., '52, of Richmond, Virginia; and Robert W. King, Jr., '52 of Wilson North Carolina.

In four months of intensive study and training, these men covered the same Naval subjects that College ROTC students do in four years. Foremost in their study was gunnery, navigation, seamanship, engineering, damage control, and operations.



## H-S Men Receive UTS Degrees

Hampden-Sydney was well represented at the one hundred and forty-first Commencement exercises at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond on May 16-19.

The Master of Theology degree was awarded to the Rev. Jesse Robertson Hutcheson, B.S., '47. His thesis was "The Biblical Doctrine of Physical Redemption."

Alumni receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity were Langston Randolph Harrison, B.A., '50, of Norfolk, Virginia; Collier Smith Harvey, Jr., B.A., '50, of Lynchburg, Virginia; Stuart Alexander Ritchie, B.A., '51, of Charleston, West Virginia; and Charles William Bridges, Jr., B.A., '50, of Welsh, West Virginia.

As reported under Alumni Notes, Dr. Graham Gordon Lacy, '23, was the Commencement speaker.



## Dr. Bailey Retires

This spring marked the retirement of Dr. B. Herman Bailey '23, from the practice of general medicine in the Counties of Henrico, New Kent and Hanover. During the 26-year practice in this area, Dr. Bailey captured the love and admiration of hundreds of patients. These, with friends of the community of Sandston, were hosts at a farewell party given to Dr. Bailey just prior to his leaving to make his home in Yorktown, where he expects to continue a limited practice.

Dr. Bailey's name will long be remembered in this area where he served so faithfully and so well. In token of the esteem in which he was held, the Henrico County School Board granted permission to incorporate the name "Bailey" in the name of the athletic field of the Highland Springs School. Another evidence of appreciation was in the placing of a custom-built gun cabinet in the doctor's new home in Yorktown.

Citing a heart attack in 1949 as the reason for his retirement, Dr. Bailey said, "I tried to slack off but it's impossible



MATZNER

HARRIS

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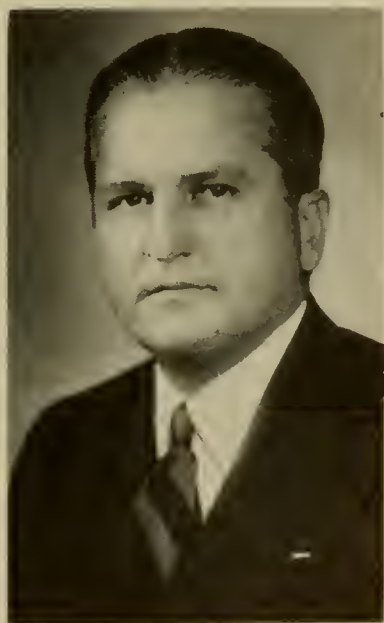
to do that and stay on in the same location. I leave with a great deal of regret." As a general practitioner, Dr. Bailey said he had really covered the area of these three counties.

Dr. Bailey leaves other associations in which he has been active. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Sandston Civic Club, and the Sandston Baptist Church, where he was formerly a deacon. He is also a member of the American, Southern, and Tri-State Medical Associations, the Academy of Medicine, and the Commonwealth and Hermitage Country clubs.

Born in Powhatan County in 1901, he began practice in Sandston in 1927. Following work at Hampden-Sydney, he graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1926. He served a year as intern at Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond. He, his wife, and son, Dean, are living in their home overlooking the York River.



## Dunnington Elected Director Of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet



WALTER G. DUNNINGTON, '11

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company held April 22, Walter G. Dunnington was elected to fill an existing vacancy in the board of directors and all remaining directors were re-elected, it was announced by E. H. Little, chairman of the board.

Mr. Dunnington is a member of the New York law firm of Dunnington, Bartholow and Miller, a trustee of New York Hospital and the Hanover Bank, and a director of Standard Brands, Inc., Great Northern Paper Company, and Sun Chemical Corp.

A native of Farmville, Virginia, Mr. Dunnington is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Class of '11, and the University of Virginia Law School. He has practiced law in New York since 1916.

## Alumni Attending Commencement

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| 1897<br>Robert K. Brock  | 1926<br>Laurence F. Kinney<br>R. S. Brenaman   |
| 1900<br>Ray A. Moore   | 1927<br>R. A. Hardy<br>G. H. Thompson<br>John R. Brinser                                 |
| 1901<br>George F. Bell   | 1928<br>J. B. Bagby<br>B. E. Bain<br>Emmet R. Elliott                                    |
| 1902<br>R. H. Burroughs  | 1929<br>R. H. Henneman   |
| 1903<br>Wycliffe C. Jackson<br>B. Bradford Reynolds, Jr.<br>Luther Sheldon, Jr.<br>W. Twyman Williams<br>Dr. R. S. Preston<br>Albert W. Wood | 1930<br>P. H. Ropp   |
| 1905<br>J. K. Irving<br>J. G. Jefferson, Jr.   | 1931<br>Luther L. Price<br>C. H. Robertson   |
| 1906<br>Hunter J. Phlegar<br>A. Epes Harris<br>Stewart B. Campbell   | 1933<br>E. Fleet Dillard<br>Anthony DeMuth<br>J. J. Lawson<br>John L. Guerrant           |
| 1907<br>P. T. Atkinson   | 1935<br>R. T. Hubbard, Jr.   |
| 1909<br>F. S. Johns<br>F. W. Young   | 1936<br>W. H. Young  |
| 1910<br>John Henry Allen   | 1937<br>Richard S. Manson  |
| 1913<br>John McGavack  | 1940<br>H. M. Selater  |
| 1914<br>M. N. Fitzgerald   | 1941<br>P. T. Atkinson, Jr.<br>Ray A. Moore, Jr.   |
| 1915<br>R. W. Dupuy<br>D. M. Allan<br>C. B. Robertson  | 1942<br>W. P. Hay, Jr.   |
| 1917<br>Thomas McGavack<br>L. M. McGavack<br>Roy Lyle  | 1943<br>Thomas Kirk  |
| 1919<br>J. B. Wall, Sr.  | 1944<br>Fred W. Young  |
| 1920<br>R. W. Bugg   | 1946<br>A. E. Harris, Jr.  |
| 1921<br>Rufus Brittain   | 1948<br>T. E. Gilmer, Jr.<br>W. E. Atkinson  |
| 1922<br>H. C. Brenaman   | 1949<br>William Hoffman<br>C. W. Milam   |
| 1923<br>Thomas E. Gilmer<br>F. S. Spindler<br>William A. Saunders<br>L. L. Cockerille<br>Abner Robertson                                     | 1950<br>J. B. Wall, Jr.<br>L. M. Winston, Jr.<br>H. W. Oppenheimer<br>Thomas S. Lovelace |
| 1924<br>M. H. Bittinger<br>Wm. R. Gardner  | 1951<br>W. O. E. Humphreys<br>Meade Wright   |
| 1925<br>J. Stras Gillespie<br>R. C. Edmunds<br>Clyde R. DeHaas   | 1952<br>A. E. Johnson, Jr.   |

## Dr. Barrell, '31, In Who's Who

BARRELL, CHARLES ALDEN, educator; b. Buckingham, Va., Mar. 21, 1909; s. Charles Martin Barrell and Fannie Stuart (Hall) B., A.B. Hampden-Sydney Coll., 1931; A. M., U. Va., 1932; Ph.D., Ohio State U., 1938. Inst. polit. sci. Washington and Lee U., 1936-38, Ohio State U., 1938-39, Oberlin Coll., 1939-40, mem. faculty Bowling Green State U. since 1940, chmn. dept. polit. sci. since 1946, prof. since 1949. Served as Pvt. to 2nd Lt. U. S. Army, 1942-46, MI officer, MI Service, War Dept. Gen. Staff, Washington. Mem. NEA, Am. and Midwest polit. sci. assns., Am. Assn. U. Profs., Pi Sigma Alpha, Sigma Nu, Phi Alpha Theta, Sigma Upsilon, Tau Kappa Alpha. Clubs: National Exchange. Author: Representation—An Analysis of Its Numerical and Functional Forms, Abstracts of Doctoral Dissertations, 1938. Home: 722 N. Grove St., Bowling Green, O.



## ALUMNI COMMENT

DEAR DR. GAMMON:

I have just finished the April RECORD and consider it the best number I have ever seen, especially your letter and the excerpts from your report to the trustees which should be of great interest to every loyal alumnus.

I cannot help feeling that the alumni are going to respond favorably, but at any rate in these difficult times and in contrast with the state-supported schools and the liberally endowed schools, Hampden-Sydney must rely very largely on its alumni and their friends and acquaintances for future support.

I hope the Synod of Virginia will find some way to give Hampden-Sydney more liberal support both in new students and actual money.

I have on my desk the 1953 edition of "Information Please" which you have no doubt seen. The list of colleges and universities is alphabetically arranged in this. A superficial study of this publication's lists indicates that a majority of such institutions are now co-educational, including Georgia Tech, Emory, and the University of Georgia. You know the actual situation as to co-education far better than I do, but I wonder if you have not seriously considered co-education for Hampden-Sydney as the way out. I would not be surprised.

In regard to the problem of a leader for the Alumni Fund, I am strongly in favor of your setting up a thoroughly organized financial department as one of the chief needs of the College for the immediate future. It would require, no doubt, considerably more money but would be to a large extent a consolidation of the present personnel of the administrative force of the College, THE RECORD, and the secretary who has done such good work for the Alumni Fund.

I have for many years observed the operation of offices organized either strictly for business or for various propaganda purposes and have come to have a great deal of confidence in the efficacy of such methods and believe that some modification of this general idea could be used effectively for building up the financial reserves of the College.

I remember several statements made by you to the effect that Hampden-Sydney alumni have not contributed very

largely to the financial support of the College and your very clearcut explanation as to why this has been true in spite of the undoubted loyalty of these alumni. Nevertheless, first and last, the College is going to have to depend upon the continuous support from the alumni either personally or by their influence in securing the financial support of their friends and acquaintances among those who have accumulated money.

I know that you are heavily burdened with your duties as President of the College during these difficult times, but you have every reason to know that you have done a great work for the College—perhaps the very greatest as compared to any previous Administration; and now, as a devoted alumnus, Prince Edward-born with alumni kin on both sides of my family, the Watkinses, the Venables, and the McKinneys, I want you to know that in my opinion you have the confidence of the living alumni to a preeminent degree.

We would like for you to continue your great leadership and recognize the fact that strengthening the financial support of the College is now the supreme, vital duty of your administration.

The annual added expense of maintaining such a financial promotion department is to be considered with caution, but I have not the slightest doubt but that the least that could be expected would be such an increase in the annual contributions as would more than off-set the increased expense of the organization.

I cannot help thinking that the continuous intelligent operation of such a department would have in the near future a stimulating effect in the interest of the present supporting alumni whose efforts among their friends and acquaintances may add greatly to these substantial gifts from well-to-do people who really want to help the cause of Christian education which Hampden-Sydney so splendidly exemplifies.

In the way of special efforts, I wonder if the business men of Prince Edward and other Southside Virginia Counties and others interested in this matter of Christian education could not be organized in a special effort to build up Hampden-Sydney from the standpoint of the great value of the College to that area of Virginia. This crippling, or removal to some other center of Virginia, could not be regarded as fantastic or unthinkable. Such things have happened before.

With personal regards and best wishes, I am  
Decatur, Georgia.

Very Truly Yours,  
CHARLES D. MCKINNEY, SR., '90



DEAR MR. BROCK:

I was deeply impressed by the beauty of your editorial "Miss Minnie Lacy—An Inadequate Tribute from the Heart" and I am sure there are many others among our alumni who join you most heartily in this fine tribute to a noble lady.

Because it was my good fortune to be one of the seven boys who lived in her home during the session 1907-8, I would like to add just a few lines to your eulogy from the depths of MY HEART.

In addition to the splendid traits of character you enumerated, Miss Minnie possessed an unusually fine poise and an unflinching sense of humor.

She presided at our table in the dining room when she was quite young—only a few years older than some of the seniors. It was a difficult assignment to maintain order among us rollicking lads but she never lost her patience or her dignity and kept the situation well in hand. I was honored



with the seat at her left and she was so responsive to our jokes and foolishness that there was never a dull moment. And this above all—I never heard a criticism of her from any boy on the campus!

As you so well expressed the idea—Miss Minnie embodied the spirit of Hampden-Sydney. It was a better college because she had lived there. Her noble life has been an inspiration and a benediction to those who were privileged to know her.

Verily, in our hearts

“She walks in beauty like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies”

Very sincerely yours,  
ALFRED P. GODDIN, '10

Richmond, Virginia



TO THE RECORD:

I have just received the April issue of THE RECORD and deem it a sincere pleasure to salute you and the editorial staff for the splendid work you are doing for all of the Alumni. While it was not my privilege to remain at Hampden-Sydney for long, I am convinced, as time goes by, that my stay there was one of the most important happenings of my life. Dr. Massey's Bible Class has become a lasting experience and reminds me constantly of the good things which our school stands for.

I am the postmaster on the campus of Sweet Briar College. (As a student such a position would have been a pleasant dream!) Even now, I find this community a pleasure and my work most interesting. You have mentioned the lack of communications from the graduates of Hampden-Sydney. Perhaps we may profit from the *Alumnae News* of Sweet Briar College. I notice that the Alumnae Secretary has class correspondents here who assemble all news items from fellow class members and forward it to the college for publication. Possibly, a plan of this type may help us keep in close touch. It is passed on as a friendly suggestion.

I am enclosing a publication which I edit for the postmasters of Virginia and West Virginia. My work on the *Tiger* is helping in this little project!

Best Regards,  
CECIL M. HUNT, '41

Sweet Briar, Virginia

*Mr. Hunt is editor of the West Virginia-Virginia League Letter, published by the two state branches of the National League of District Postmasters. He is also Second Vice President of the Virginia Branch and Chairman of District No. 3.*



TO THE RECORD:

... My ship is patrolling the Aegean Sea until the middle of June and Athens was our first stop. From here we go to Kavalla in Thessalonica, Izmir (the modern name for Smyrna), and Rhodes—then back to Athens before returning to the western Mediterranean.

I was fortunate in being Assistant Shore Patrol Officer for our stay here so I lost no time in establishing myself in this very conveniently located and thoroughly delightful hotel. Athens is a city to be seen when you are very young, for it requires an awful lot of walking to really see it. However I have covered most of it on foot and am not suffering too much.

By some chance we happened to be here at the time of the full moon—and the Acropolis is open at night. The first night we were here, I was on my way to Piraeus in the ship's jeep and we took a wrong street, and found ourselves on the Acropolis. It wasn't a hard decision to make to decide to see the Acropolis and suffer the consequences if we were late arriving in Piraeus! The moonlight is very kind to the Acropolis—and it looks a great deal more as it must have looked years ago—and standing in the Parthenon with the moon shining through the columns was really an experience that I won't soon forget. As a matter of fact, it gave me a much more reverent feeling than St. Mark's Cathedral did. The next morning I walked back out there and spent quite a while on the Acropolis, then went to the remains of the Temple of Jupiter, the Stadium (Olympic), and through the Zoppion Garden. This afternoon I went to the Theseum, up the Areopagus, to the Theater of Dionysus, and then saw the Royal Palace. Athens is a lovely city, especially around Constitution Square and the Zoppion Garden—and quite belies the great poverty of Greece—occasionally you can see it here in Athens. I'm happy that there are not the great hordes of beggars preying on Naval personnel that I have encountered in Italy and North Africa. Last summer the rate of exchange was 15,000 drachmae to the dollar—this year it has been devalued to 30,000—\$5.00 worth of drachmae is a wallet-full!

I enjoyed the last issue of the Alumni magazine. . . .

VANCE HALL, '51

Athens, Greece



DEAR DR. GAMMON:

Congratulations on THE RECORD, one of the best publications in its field. I have before me the Johns Hopkins Magazine and the Princeton Alumni Weekly and THE RECORD, current issue. THE RECORD is the best of the lot.

The tributes to Dr. Eggleston, Miss Minnie Lacy, and Warren White (April issue) are very beautiful.

Warren White's great service to the College was made possible largely through THE RECORD that keeps alive and active the Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

R. H. WATKINS, '95

Laurel, Mississippi



DEAR DR. GILGEO:

... A few days ago, in looking over material for the summer issue of *The Circle* [of Omicron Delta Kappa], I read with considerable interest the spring issue of THE RECORD of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association. You certainly do issue a highly informative and interesting magazine. Even to one who is not an alumnus of Hampden-Sydney, I find a great many things in this magazine which are of interest to me, and you are very kind to indicate members of ODK whose names appear in many connections in the contents.

Yours Fraternally,

ROBERT W. BISHOP

National Secretary and Editor

Cincinnati, Ohio

## ALUMNI NOTES

'91

Dr. George H. Denny, Chancellor of the University of Alabama, represented Hampden-Sydney at the recent V. M. I. inaugural ceremonies. He writes: "The V. M. I. inauguration was impressive, with a fairly good representation from the colleges. I enjoyed it and felt a sense of pride in representing Hampden-Sydney. . . . Some day I hope to get back to the Hill."

1897

Professor Robert Ritchie Harwell has now retired as professor of Greek and German and is Professor Emeritus at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Professor Harwell remained at Hampden-Sydney to receive his M.A. degree in 1898.

1902

Dr. Hardy Cross was among the members of Yale University teaching staff who retired at the end of this academic year. Dr. Cross, Strathcona Professor of Civil Engineering, originated new methods of structural engineering analysis, principally the moment-distribution method of computing stresses in rigid frames. Dr. Cross received his B.A. from Hampden-Sydney in 1902 and his B.S. degree in 1903. In 1908 he received a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Civil Engineering degree from Harvard in 1911.

1903

Mr. Wycliffe C. Jackson of Griffin, Georgia, recently returned from Paris, France, where he represented his Rotary Club at Rotary International. He attended the reunion of his class here at the June Commencement.

1910

Historic Alamance Church, just south of Greensboro, North Carolina, was host to the January meeting of Orange Presbytery. The Rev. J. M. Millard, who has been the beloved pastor of Alamance for 28 years, read a brief sketch of the church, tracing its growth from its founding in 1753 up to the present time. Mr. Millard's pastorate has seen over seven hundred members added to the church. The Sunday School has grown from one hundred and twenty-five members to an enrollment well over six hundred. In 1946 the church sanctuary was completely redecorated. A \$60,000 educational unit has just been completed which includes adequate class rooms, social or fellowship halls, and fully equipped kitchen. It was noted that perhaps no church in Orange Presbytery was in a healthier spiritual condition and Dr. Millard is to be highly praised for his past achievements and for his ever enlarging service to this work.

John Henry Allen was appointed in April as general registrar for Prince Edward County. A resident of the Hampden District, Mr. Allen has served previously as the registrar of that district as well as a member of the county Selective Service Board. Action creating this new post was taken by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors following authority given by action of the Virginia General Assembly.

Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton attended the general meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati held in Philadelphia on May seventh and eighth. The society, made up of descendants of officers in the Continental Army from the original thirteen states, holds its general meeting every three years.

1914

The American Cancer Society's distinguished service medal was awarded in March to Dr. A. S. Warinner, vice chairman of the Nassau Cancer committee. The accompanying citation stated the award was made to Dr. Warinner "in recognition of his important contribution to the control of cancer." Dr. Theodore J. Curphey, chairman of the County Cancer Committee, Nassau, New York, presented the inscribed bronze medal and framed citation to Dr. Warinner in brief ceremonies at Dr. Warinner's Garden City home.

Dr. Warinner's record in the cancer field in Nassau covers more than two decades. He was named to the board of directors of the cancer committee in October, 1944, and has served as vice chairman since September, 1948.

Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, has been selected chairman of the standing committee on judicial business of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Friends of Dr. Thompson have followed with interest the weekly broadcast of the Sunday School lessons during May and June. These were recorded and distributed by the Protestant Radio Center in Atlanta.

1918

Dr. Charles S. Sydnor, dean of the graduate school at Duke University, spoke at the State Library ceremony in Richmond, Virginia, on June 11. The occasion was the opening of the exhibit of Shakespeare folios and quartos, which were borrowed from Washington's Folger Shakespeare Library. Dean David C. Wilson and Librarian Paul L. Grier were in attendance.

1922

Henry Thompson Holladay and Miss Harriett Davis McDonald were married on Saturday, April 18, in Charles Town, West Virginia. They are making their home at "Riverside," Rapidan, Virginia.

1923

Eight members of the faculty of George Washington University were presented scrolls emblematic of outstanding work done by the General Alumni Association of the University this spring. The presentations were made during a luncheon meeting at the National Press Club. Dr. Laurence L. Cockerille, assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was among the recipients of this honor. Dr. Cockerille was a visitor on the Hill for the June commencement.

Dr. Graham Gordon Lacy, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., delivered the Commencement address at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, on Tuesday, May 19. Dr. Lacy is a trustee of Union Seminary from Potomac Presbytery. A native of Tennessee, educated at Hampden-Sydney, Union Seminary, and Union Seminary, New York, Dr. Lacy held several pastorates before going to the Central Church. He served as chaplain in the USNR for three years. Hampden-Sydney conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree in June, 1948.

1924

Representative Burr P. Harrison, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has recently returned from Europe where he conferred with government leaders. He also had conferences with military leaders abroad and inspected Air Bases.

Professor M. Henry Bittinger was recently elected president of the Farmville Lions Club. Mr. Bittinger is teaching as a visiting professor of history and economics at Longwood College during this summer's session.

1925

The Reverend Harry H. Bryan has recently moved from Bessemer, Alabama, to Huntington, West Virginia, where he is serving as pastor of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. His son, Edwin Lancaster Bryan, was one of the major winners in the annual competitive scholarship contest sponsored by the Presbyterian, U. S., Board of Christian Education this spring.

James P. Selvage, Jr., son of James P. Selvage and Mrs. Selvage of New York City, and Miss Patricia Wayland Carlin of Greenwich and Guilford, Connecticut, were married on May 1 in the Church of the Highlands, White Plains, New York.



1926

**Professor D. R. Reveley** writes the following message from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia: "This position opened up the latter part of January and we did not hesitate to get back to God's Country. I am Chairman of the Division of Education and Director of Teacher Training, so the new job is quite a step-up. More money was also an inducement. It was interesting to learn that a former Hampden-Sydney alumnus, Joseph McMurrin, 1852, founded this college. I feel quite at home. We will go back to the University of Alabama this summer to teach and will enjoy seeing our mutual friends, the Berniers, again. . . . We are all very much taken with this fine old town and its people. It's the nearest thing to Hampden-Sydney that we could find."

**Stuart Wheatley**, attorney, will direct Thomas B. Stanley's local campaign for Governor of Virginia, in Danville, Virginia.

**Dr. Rex Blankenship** has been re-elected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Guidance Clinic in Richmond, Virginia.

1928

**Joe S. Caldwell** has recently been reappointed superintendent of Spotsylvania County schools for a four year term beginning July 1. Mr. Caldwell was formerly principal of the Randolph-Henry consolidated high school in Charlotte County before coming to Spotsylvania in July 1952.

1929

**Christian Munt**, a former assistant executive manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, returned to Richmond on May 1 to assume the office of managing director of the Virginia Retail Merchants' Association. For the past several months Mr. Munt had served as deputy director of the savings bond division of the Treasury Department in Atlanta. In the summer of 1952 he worked as Richmond office manager for Senator Byrd's campaign.

Mr. Munt left Richmond in 1947 to become the first executive vice-president of the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce. While in Atlanta he also served as president of the Executive Secretaries' Club. In 1929, as assistant editor of the *Southside Virginia News*, Petersburg, he served the Richmond Chamber magazine, continuing this service for seventeen years. He was State organizer of the NRA and served in the post of managing director of the Virginia Wholesalers' Association.

**Samuel B. Hill**, formerly pastor at Cuero, Texas, has been divested of his office at his own request by Western Texas Presbytery.

1932

**Dr. Edwin Hemphill**, editor of the *Virginia Cavalcade*, published by the Virginia State Library, was chosen to present the first award offered by the Albemarle Historical Society for the best essay on the history of Albemarle written by a University of Virginia student. Dr. Hemphill was formerly an archivist in the University of Virginia's Alderman Library, and later was head of the Virginia War History Commission.

1933

**Dr. James Sydnor** addressed the Virginia Society of Ornithology at its twentieth annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia, on May 9. His subject was "Bird Music." Readers of the *Presbyterian Outlook* have followed with interest Dr. Sydnor's series of articles on Church Music which have been appearing in that publication.

1934

**John G. Shirley**, Rector of Saint Philip's Church in Coral Gables, Florida, represented Hampden-Sydney at the inauguration of Mr. J. F. W. Pearson as president of the University of Miami on Thursday, May 7. In writing of the event Mr. Shirley says, "On this, as on other occasions, Hampden-Sydney held a prominent position and was located number fourteen in a procession of approximately three hundred representatives of educational institutions and associations. It has been some years since I have

been back to Hampden-Sydney, but always receive news of its continued progress from various sources. The new buildings must be a great help. Thanks for asking me to represent our school."

On January 23, 1953, **Mr. E. E. Bouldin** was promoted from Cashier and Secretary to Vice-President and Secretary of The City National Bank of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mr. Bouldin is a member of the Finance Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem and a member of the Board of Deacons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bouldin, with their two sons, Eddie, age twelve, and Bobby, age eight, live at 209 Westview Drive, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Bouldin is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. R. C. Vaden of Gretna, Virginia.

**Paul F. Rosenberger** sends the following notice to the Alumni office: "It is with profound regret that I announce the death of my wife, Emma Ginn Baker Rosenberger, in the University Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 17, 1953." Mr. Rosenberger's address is 12 North Cameron St., Winchester, Virginia.

1935

**The Reverend Francis A. Schaeffer** and family have been recently returned from Champéry, Switzerland, and are now located at 6117 Lenson Street, Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania.

**Thomas J. Holden, Jr.**, is now living in Windsor, North Carolina. He is employed as General Manager of the Lea Lumber Company, a branch of the David M. Lea and Company, Incorporated, Richmond, Virginia.

**Major Benjamin A. Rucker** sends the following information to the Alumni Office:

"As you know, I graduated in June, 1935, with a B.S. Degree. (Dean Reed in June, 1934, did not think I would.) After teaching Math and Athletics in Loudoun County for two years, I entered V. P. I. in 1937 with a Graduate Fellowship. In June, 1940, I received my M.S. in Engineering and for a short period worked with the Federal Government as an Administrative Engineer. From 1941-47, I served as a Staff Officer and Base Engineer with the Army Air Force. During 1947-48 I worked for the Highway Department of Virginia in Richmond. Then with a salary increase, I went to the Public Road Administration in Washington as a Research Engineer. With another salary increase in 1949, went to the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Washington as a Construction Engineer.

"In July 1951 I was recalled to active duty with the United States Air Force as an Air Installations Representative in the New England Division Engineers in Boston. Was later transferred from Boston to Mitchel Air Force Base, Long Island, New York, with duties of an Air Installations Officer. While stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, I became a Mason. Since I have been here at Mitchel Air Force Base, I have been taken into the Sojourners and Heros of '76. In my off-duty hours, I serve as Assistant Scout Master with Troop 72, Hempstead, Long Island. In December, 1940, I married my childhood sweetheart, Miss Martha E. Cosby, Powhatan, Virginia. We have three children: Benjamin A. Rucker, Jr., age 11, Martha Anne Rucker, age eight, and James Cowles Rucker, age six. We now live at 43 Carole Court, Mitchel Manor, Long Island, New York. Would like to hear from 'you-all' some time."

"Big Ben."

The Major sent to the office a copy of the April issue of *The Empire State Mason* citing an article on the leadership personnel at Mitchel Air Force Base. "Major Ben Rucker is Superintendent of the Base Sunday School, and has given a good example of the fact that a Mason is a religious man, interested in providing youth with religious training."

1936

**Frank Grayson Baldwin, Jr.**, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina and Mary Lachicotte Trueblood, daughter of Mrs. Nathan Lachicotte of Florence, South Carolina, were married on May 30 in the Waldorf Astoria Towers, New York City.

1937

**Clifton Leonard Snidow, Jr.**, and Miss Cornelia Ann Smith were married on Saturday, January 3, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City.

1939

Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Crocker of Selma, Alabama, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emilee, to **Charles Moseley Spencer**, of Buckingham. The wedding is scheduled for early summer. Mr. Spencer served overseas with the field artillery in World War II.

1940

**Rives S. Brown** of Martinsville, Virginia, represented Hampden-Sydney College at the inauguration of Stanley E. Emrich as the sixth president of Ferrum Junior College, Ferrum, Virginia, on Thursday, April 16.

**The Reverend J. G. Thompson**, pastor of the Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pamplin, Virginia, resigned this pastorate to become pastor of the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, effective June first.

**Dr. Hugh Johnson Hagan, Jr.**, and Miss Alice Green Trout were married on Saturday, May 16, in Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke, Virginia. A reception was held in the Ballroom of Hotel Roanoke immediately following the ceremony.

**Carlton B. Laing** of 2228 Locust Road, Morton, Penna., has been appointed Administrative Assistant, Middle Atlantic Division of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, according to an announcement by S. Bruce Black, president of the insurance company.

Mr. Laing started work at Liberty Mutual in 1940 in New York City with the claims department investigating public liability cases. From there he was transferred to Roanoke Claims and then to the home office, handling workmen's compensation claims. He was sent to Philadelphia in May, 1951, to be chief adjuster for compensation claims and will remain there in his new post.

After leaving Hampden-Sydney, he was graduated from William & Mary College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

1941

The marriage of the **Reverend Emmett Hugh Hoy, Jr.**, to Miss Nancy Clare Belden took place in Christchurch on Friday, June 12. Following work at Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Hoy graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary. He is rector of Christchurch Parish and chaplain at Christchurch School.

1942

**Jacob E. (Jack) Manch**, who was the only Virginian to participate in the American bombing raid on Tokyo in May, 1942, is now stationed in Tokyo as a regular Air Force Major. He has been there almost three years and has encountered experiences similar to the daring raid under flight commander Brigadier-General James H. Doolittle. He spent fourteen months on the battle front in Korea and was charged with the task of flying supplies to the trapped men who were encircled near the Yalu River late in 1951. Major Manch and his wife expect to return to this country in September. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Manch, live in Staunton, Virginia. (See RECORD, July, 1942.)

**The Reverend Robert Wisdom** sends us the announcement of the birth of his fourth child, Betty Jean. The Wisdoms with their four children live in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where they are on the staff at the Instituto Central do Povo.

**Ben J. Willis, Jr.**, notifies us that his present address is 5303 Rolfe Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Dr. J. M. Wolcott** is at present resident doctor at Louisiana State University Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. His room-mate is Dr. Robert E. Mitchell, Jr., class of '40.

**George Fulton** proved himself the top golf amateur in Virginia by winning low amateur honors in the State Open Golf Tournament this spring. The first day he led the whole field, professionals and amateurs alike. Mr. Fulton was captain of the Hampden-Sydney golf team in 1942. Mr. Fulton is associated with his father in the Fulton Motor Company, Roanoke, Virginia.

1943

**Dr. Frank McFaden Blanton**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wyndham Bolling Blanton, '10, and Miss Barbara Allen Watkins were married on Saturday, May 2, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia. Following a wedding trip to Sea Island, Georgia, the couple returned to make their home in Richmond.

**Dr. Thomas Nelson Page Johns** was honored in late spring by being chosen as one of the surgeons selected for an intensive tour of surgical centers throughout the eastern part of the United States. He, with his wife, were visitors on the Hill shortly after Commencement. Beginning in September, Dr. Johns will be on the staff of Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington, D. C.

1944

**Matthew Walton Venable, II**, and Miss Mamie Ernestine Cooper were married on Saturday evening, March 29, in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West Virginia. They are making their home in Charleston where Mr. Venable is affiliated with E. H. Venable, civil engineer.

**Charles A. Blanton** was recently elected treasurer of the Richmond Alumni Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa. His election took place at the annual dinner meeting, at which time about fifty members were present.

**The Reverend and Mrs. Allan C. Anderson** have announced the birth of a second daughter, Margaret Elaine, who was born on Friday, May 29, in Marianna, Arkansas.

**Roderick A. Mundy** is at the present time Research Chemist with Johnson and Johnson Laboratories, New Brunswick, New Jersey. After leaving Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Mundy received his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1951. In 1950 he married Clara Keetz of Park Ridge, New Jersey. They have one son, Roderick A. Mundy, Jr. Their home address is 220 Penfield Place, Dunellen, New Jersey.

1945

**Dr. Henry M. Tanner**, upon completion of his internship at the University of Virginia Hospital in July, will go to Kenbridge, Virginia, to serve as general practitioner for Lunenburg County.

Dr. Tanner's name was one of many submitted by the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care to Kenbridge, after having presented the need for an additional doctor to cope with growing needs among the county's 14,000 residents. This Council, through its doctor replacement service, has helped locate forty-eight physicians in rural communities since its establishment in 1946.

Dr. Tanner, a native of Mecklenburg County, received his B.S. degree in 1945. He attended the University of Virginia School of Medicine where he received his M.D. degree in 1951. Since that time, he has been serving a two-year rotating internship especially designed for physicians entering general practice.

Local civic organizations have provided office space and partial equipment and furnishings, and arrangements have been made for living quarters for Dr. Tanner, his wife, and two small children.

**The Reverend John E. Thompson** reported on June 30 for duty with the United States Navy in Newport, Rhode Island. For several years Mr. Thompson has been connected with Miller School for Boys, Albemarle County, Virginia. The Thompsons proudly announce the arrival of their first child, a son, born on April 23, at the University Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Melvin H. Tennis, Jr.**, Lieutenant USNR aboard the U. S. S. Carter Hall (LSD-3), writes: "While on duty with the 6th Fleet here in the Med (that's American for *mare nostrum*) I enjoyed seeing the antiquities of Greece. However, the present-day living Greeks were much more interesting than their dead ruins."

**Dr. William S. Coxe** will be commissioned as First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps Reserve in August. He has been Resident Neurological Surgeon at the University of Indiana Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.



**Mr. C. William Alley** of Petersburg spent a May week end on the Hill as guest of Mrs. Blanche Watkins. Mr. Alley is employed by the Du Pont Company in Hopewell, Virginia.

1946

**John G. Armistead** is working as a civilian for the Army Engineers at the Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is employed as a physicist in the Topographic Department. He writes: "THE RECORD is received regularly and I read it with much enjoyment. May you (Mrs. Cleghorn) have every success in your fine work on the Fund."

Mr. and Mrs. Carr McGuire Swicegood have announced the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Armstrong to **Mr. Alfred Martin Fort, Jr.**, on Thursday, May 28, in Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Fort are at home at 72-B Alson Court, 101 South Laurel Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Cabell F. Cobbs**, son of Mrs. W. H. Cobbs (father deceased) of 209 Claiborne Ave., Rocky Mount, Va., was recently promoted to captain with the 1st Infantry Division in Darmstadt, Germany.

An assistant staff judge advocate at division headquarters, Captain Cobbs was assigned to the Judge Advocate General School at Fort Meyer, Va., before arriving in Europe in March of last year.

Cobbs is also a graduate of the University of Richmond Law School.

He is a member of the bar of the State of Virginia, the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, and Sigma Chi.

The Virginia Officer served in the Navy during World War II and holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal for duty in Germany.

His wife, the former Miss Doris Tate of Boones Mills, Va., is with him in Darmstadt.

1947

**The Reverend Robert Bluford**, pastor of the Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, conducted the Religious Emphasis Series at the College in March. His friends read with interest of his appearance before the Senate Propositions and Grievances Committee in support of a bill to make Good Friday a legal holiday in North Carolina rather than Easter Monday. "There is no religious basis for having Easter Monday as a legal holiday," he said. In spite of his arguments, the bill was defeated.

The marriage of **Dr. Peter Weaver Squire** and Miss Nancy Hall Barker took place on Sunday, April 12, at the Isle of Wight Christian Church. Dr. Gene Clapsaddle, '45, was a groomsmen.

1948

**Charles Hopkins Rolston** and Miss Shirley Margaret Grenell were married on Sunday, May 10, in the Mount Rainier Christian Church, Mount Rainier, Maryland.

**Dr. Thomas Pairo Overton** and Miss Mary Catherine Lane were married on Friday, May 1, in the Trinity Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia. A reception was held at the James River Country Club. Following a wedding trip to Sea Island, Georgia, Dr. and Mrs. Overton returned to make their home in Richmond.

**Reverend Lewis H. Lancaster**, missionary to Japan, sends to the Alumni office a description of his work in Kobe, with the following interesting account of Easter: "Easter morning dawned bright and clear as we made our way up the mountain for the Sunrise Service sponsored by the Army and led by Dr. McLaughlin of our Mission. About 300 people—Army, missionaries, Japanese—gathered on the steps of the University of Kobe, overlooking the city and the sea. It was a beautiful setting for a Resurrection Day Service. After we got home, we listened to a broadcast of the Shaw Chorale singing Easter Carols from many

lands. It was thrilling to hear some of the same carols we had sung last year in Kingsport. We were amazed that it was broadcast over a Japanese station and not over the Armed Forces Far Eastern Network."

1949

**Ensign Richard N. Harris** and Miss Eleanor Lois Stine were married in Cumberland, Maryland, on Monday, March 9. Ushers included L. Martin Harris, Jr., '56, and Nelson Moffitt Fox, Jr., '51. Ensign Harris graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in June, 1952, and from the Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, in March, 1953. He is now serving as an officer in Naval Intelligence. Before entering the Navy, Ensign Harris was employed by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in Camden, South Carolina. He is at present on a leave of absence from that concern.

**W. Graham Stephens** received his M.D. on June 15 at the Medical College of the University of Tennessee at Memphis. On June 19, Dr. Stephens was married to Miss Thelma Leuz of Memphis.

**Gordon Van Ness**, 631 Northampton Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, sends in the following information: "We have another addition to the family now—a boy—Philip Duncan, born February 17, 1953. Both Rosaline and the baby are fine. I am now working for the American Oil Company here in Washington. Things are working out fine."

Mrs. Foster Grady Leach has announced the engagement of her daughter, Eleanor Jane, to **Thomas Winston Gouldin**, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Milton Gouldin, of Tappahannock, Virginia. The wedding is planned for July. Mr. Gouldin is attending the Medical College of Virginia.

1950

**William H. Shirey**, Sharps, Florida, writes: "I was called into the Air Force in 1951 and am still doing my stretch. After finishing my basic at Lackland in San Antonio, Texas, I was sent to Denver, Colorado, for electronics training. I then went to Cocoa, Florida, where I am now working in the Guided Missiles Field under the Air Research and Development Command. In this time, I have received training that has been and will be worth all the four years I have to spend in the Air Force."

Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Arthur Lambdin**, Lynchburg, Virginia, have announced the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Gordon, on Thursday, April 23, 1953. Mrs. Lambdin was formerly Miss Anna Stuart Headlee.

**Lindley Winston**, a student of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is spending this summer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, England. Mr. Winston attended the June commencement here at the College.

**Charles Leon Burns, Jr.**, and Miss Virginia Alice Edwards were married on May 30. Mr. Burns is at present stationed with the United States Air Force at Harlingen, Texas.

The marriage of **Rees Cecil Chapman**, of Richmond, Virginia, to Miss Dorothy Hartzell Wilson took place in Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield, West Virginia, on Saturday, June 13. The couple will live in Richmond where Mr. Chapman is attending the Medical College of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Gallaher of Richmond have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Claire, to **Edward Hewitt Sharp**. Mr. Sharp is now attending the Medical College of Virginia.

1951

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stevens, of Hartsville, South Carolina, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Eldred, to **William Stuart Trevvett, Jr.**, of Richmond. Following his work at Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Trevvett graduated from Duke University.

**Robert Homer Ramey, Jr.**, has been elected president of the rising Middle Class at Union Theological Seminary.

The marriage of **Arthur Heath Light** and Miss Sarah Ann Jones took place on Friday, June 12, in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Suffolk, Virginia. After a northern wedding trip the couple will reside in Alexandria where Mr. Light is attending the Virginia Episcopal Seminary.

**Alfred A. Adkins, III**, was the recent winner of \$1,000 on a television quiz show in New York City. He and another serviceman named five members of former President Truman's Cabinet. At the time, Adkins was a judo and swimming instructor at the Coast Guard receiving station at Cape May, New Jersey.

**Randolph Bolling Chichester**, Ensign, United States Navy, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Muhleman were married on Saturday, May 9, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kenton Muhleman, on Sulgrave Road. Among the groomsmen was George Tarry Bryson, '50. The couple resides at Virginia Beach, where Ensign Chichester is stationed.

**Lieutenant Dan B. Wexler, Jr.**, serving with the 308th Military Government Group, Camp Gordon, Georgia, writes: "I am sorry to have gotten out of touch with you over the past few months, but I was suddenly transferred from Fort Lee into Military Government here at Camp Gordon. The work I do is interesting and highly restricted. I am still a Quartermaster Officer but have a new title of Commerce and Industry Officer to Military Government. . . . I am terribly sorry I will not be able to attend the commencement exercises this June."

#### 1952

**Ralph Willis Biddlecomb** and Miss Ella Sue Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hubbard Smith of Crewe, Virginia, were married in the Crewe Baptist Church on Saturday, May 16.

**Robert S. Mathews** reports: "I was married on June 8, in Norfolk, Virginia, to the former Miss Patricia Ann Lee. She is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Upton Lee of Norfolk, and the late Mr. Lee, and was graduated from Longwood College in August, 1952. We are making our home at 400 West 118th Street, Apartment 1, New York 27, New York. This summer I am employed at the Hanover Bank, and will complete work on my Master of Business Administration degree next year."

**Herbert Taylor Williams III**, and Miss Betty Ann Houston were married in the Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, on April 11. Following a northern wedding trip, the couple returned to Richmond, where Mr. Williams is a student at T. C. Williams School of Law.

**Freeman Epes**, son of Mrs. Edward Clark Epes of Blackstone, Virginia, and Miss Marietta Blackwell Barnes, daughter of Mrs. Robert Blackwell Barnes, also of Blackstone, were married in the Crenshaws Methodist Church on Saturday, June 13. Mr. Epes at present is a student at the Medical College of Virginia. He served for two years in the United States Marine Corps.

**Lawrence Avent**, who has completed one year of study at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, is serving this summer as supply pastor at Providence Forge. Mr. and Mrs. Avent are continuing to live in Richmond.

**Robert Gold Horton, Jr.**, and Miss Joanne McDaniel were married on May 23, in the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Horton at present is serving in the Marine Corps.

**William Rudelle Pulliam, Jr.**, lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, and Elizabeth Richardson Phillips were married on Saturday, May 30, in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia. Groomsmen included J. B. Wall, Jr., '50, J. Shepherd Russell, '51, and Robert S. Hawks, '52.

**William Ramsey Richardson** spent a week-end early in May on the Hill as guest of Mrs. Henry Thornton. After teaching Latin, English, and Government in the Pearisburg, Virginia, High School, he was assigned to Camp Gordon, Georgia, for basic training. From there he was sent to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey Signal Corps Center. He expected to complete the "Dial Central Office Maintenance" Course there on July 10th, at which time he will be given a further assignment.

**Marcellus Emron Waddill**, valedictorian of his class, has received his M.A. degree in Classics at the University of Pittsburgh. He spent a few days with his family at near-by Meherrin in late June, prior to entering Officer's Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

#### 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galloway announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Haire, to **Aubrey Cabell Ford, Jr.** of Richmond. After leaving Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Ford attended the University of Richmond. The wedding is scheduled for September.

**Edmund M. Moore** has been commissioned an Army second lieutenant on completion of the 23-week engineer officer candidate course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

**Ernest Gary Davis, Jr.**, and Miss Anne Erwin Alderman were married on Friday, June 19. Groomsmen included W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr., Richard Cole Edmunds, James Selden Harris, and John Bruce James, all of the Class of '53.

Mrs. Creagh Burrows Saunders has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jane Dabney, to **Edwin Lee LeCompte**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berry LeCompte, all of Richmond. The wedding is scheduled for early summer.

Another summer wedding of interest will be that of Miss Nancy Byrd Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence Taylor, to **Albert Christian Ford**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurelius Christian Ford, all of Richmond.

**Edward J. Page**, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Devine, live at 623 Lancaster Rd., Richmond, Va., has been commissioned an Army second lieutenant upon graduation from Officer's Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kan.

He was one of 47 soldiers completing a six-month officer training program Saturday, March 14. Basic military principles were covered by the course.

A former student of Hampden-Sydney College and of the University of Virginia, Lieutenant Page entered the Army in March, 1952.

**Thomas Avery Underhill** and Miss Virginia Crosby were married on Saturday, May 2, in the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. A reception followed at the Hermitage Country Club. William T. Clarke, '52, and Richard Edmunds, '53, were among the groomsmen. The couple will make their home in Richmond.

A June wedding of interest was that of **Lieutenant Edward Jerrold Page** and Jan Von Horn of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Lieutenant Page is now serving with the Army Quartermaster Corps at Fort Lee, Virginia.



## President Gammon Recovering

Latest reports concerning President Gammon's recuperation from illness are encouraging. The indication from his physician at this writing is that he will be back in his office at least by the first of September.



## NECROLOGY

**CAMPBELL.** Creighton C. Campbell, '03, died in Bluefield, West Virginia, on March 5, 1953. Funeral services were conducted in Roanoke on March 6, with burial in Evergreen Burial Park.

Mr. Campbell was the son of the late Dr. William Creighton Campbell, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke for forty-two years. His wife was the former Miss Kathleen Thomas of Roanoke who died on January 9, 1949.

After Mr. Campbell left Hampden-Sydney, he attended V.P.I., where he graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He went to work with Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company as a student electrical engineer in Bluefield, West Virginia, and remained with them until about 1915. He moved to Williamson, West Virginia, with the Mine Service Company, where he remained until 1917. In 1919 he returned to Bluefield and was employed by the Superior Supply Company. He was later made manager of the Electrical Department of this company which position he held until his retirement in 1952. He had not been very active in the business since suffering a stroke on December 7, 1947.

Mr. Campbell was a former president of the Bluefield Country Club and the University Club. He was a member of a number of professional engineering societies and a Shriner. For many years he was a deacon in the West Presbyterian Church of Bluefield.

Survivors include two children, Mrs. Edward Hugh Sudduth, Jr., of Bluefield, and Creighton C. Campbell, Jr., of Roanoke; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Allan Greenland of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Venable Moore of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Arthur Rankin of Springfield, Massachusetts; and a brother, John Blake Campbell, '11, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**McKELWAY.** The Reverend Alexander Jeffrey McKelway, '25, died on April 29, 1953, at Bay Pines, Florida. He was fifty-five years old, and death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Mr. McKelway had always been closely associated with Hampden-Sydney. He attended school here from 1921-1923 and went on to graduate at the University of Virginia. His father was the Reverend A. J. McKelway and his mother was the former Ruth Smith, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mosby Smith.

Mr. McKelway was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 2, 1898. He enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and in 1918 was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Aviation Cadet Corps, serving for a year in the Canal Zone. He ended his duty in the Navy as a test pilot at the Anacostia Naval Air Station in Washington in 1920.

The son of a Presbyterian minister and the nephew of four others, Mr. McKelway was ordained in 1926 and served three pastorates in North Carolina. Shortly after Pearl Harbor he rejoined the Navy and served as head chaplain of the air arm. He was the only chaplain to wear the wings of the Naval Air Arm at that time and the first to be appointed to naval aviation at the pre-flight school in Iowa City. He was in thirteen engagements in the Pacific and held eight battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Commander. He entered the Veterans Administration in 1946 as chief of the special projects division of the Chaplaincy Service and in 1947 was appointed chief of the service. During his stay in Washington, he served as interim pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church.

In 1950 he resigned because of ill health and was assigned to the post he held at the time of his death, that of chaplain of the Veterans Administration center at Bay Pines.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alice Gibbon McKelway; two daughters, Miss Margaret McKelway of Bay Pines and Mrs. Roelof Copes van Hasselt of Alexandria, Virginia; a son, Alexander McKelway of Davidson, North Carolina; a sister, Mrs. Ruth McKelway Scithers of Washington, and two brothers, B. M. McKelway, editor of The Washington Star, and St. Clair McKelway of New York.

In 1948 Hampden-Sydney conferred upon Mr. McKelway the Doctor of Divinity degree.

**GUTHRIE.** Word has been received of the death of Robert Finley Guthrie, '16. He was the youngest son of William N. and Susan Kuykendall Guthrie and was born at South Branch, West Virginia, on April 4, 1890. He spent his early childhood in Romney, West Virginia, attending the Potomac Academy before entering Hampden-Sydney. On August 31, 1920, he married Miss Jean McInally of Dundee, Scotland, who survives. Mr. Guthrie had resided since 1920 in Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed by the Cadillac Division of General Motors.

Funeral services were conducted in the Romney Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Guthrie was a life-long member, by the Reverend P. Cary Adams, '21, pastor of the church. Interment was in Indian Mound Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Guthrie is survived by a son, Robert F. Guthrie, Jr., of the University of Michigan; one daughter, Betsy Carr Guthrie of Detroit; two granddaughters, Misses Patricia and Margaret Guthrie of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and two sisters, Mrs. Machir Vance of Romney, West Virginia, and Mrs. Benjamin F. Fleagle, of Baltimore, Maryland.

**HIGGINBOTHAM.** Albert Sidney Higginbotham, '92, was born in Greeneville, Tennessee, on July 10, 1871, the son of Bane Higginbotham and Sarah Louise Allen Higginbotham. Bane Higginbotham, who was a native of Tazewell County, Virginia, moved back to his native county in Virginia while his son Sidney was still in his early infancy. Sidney Higginbotham was reared and received his early education in Tazewell County.

Sidney Higginbotham entered Hampden-Sydney College in the fall of 1889 and continued his enrollment until his graduation in 1892. He was one of the early members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Hampden-Sydney and was a student active and popular in campus activities. After graduation at Hampden-Sydney, he entered Washington and Lee University, taking and completing the law course there.

Following this academic and professional education Mr. Higginbotham entered upon the practice of law at Tazewell and continued his residence there during the remainder of his life. He was active in the business and professional affairs of his community until partially incapacitated by an accidental fall at the age of 79. Mr. Higginbotham died at Tazewell, February 17, 1953, just a few months short of his 82d birthday. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Eugenia Dickenson of Castlewood, Virginia, to whom he was married in 1908, and three children, Mrs. James Latimer of Tazewell, A. S. Higginbotham, Jr., of Tazewell, and Mrs. William R. Matthews of Leaksville, North Carolina.

Mr. Higginbotham was an able lawyer. He was by temperament quiet and gentle, by disposition patient and considerate, and by character upright and honorable; a man who did not speak ill of his fellowman and gave no occasion for his fellowman to speak ill of him.

Sidney Higginbotham's connection with Hampden-Sydney College was of unusual significance, because he was the first son of Tazewell County to matriculate there. He was the forerunner and first influence in starting a stream of students from his native county to the halls and classrooms of the old College, a stream which has flowed steadily and continuously from his college days to the present. He brought others of his young neighbors to Hampden-Sydney with him, even before finishing his own college career, and the ever widening effect of this original association with Hampden-Sydney has largely accounted for the coming to Hampden-Sydney of the many sons of Tazewell County during the subsequent years.

**PETER.** Dr. George Freeland Peter, D.D., '26, died on Sunday, February 22, at the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia. Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Charlottesville, on February 26, with burial in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

Dr. Peter was born in Georgetown, Washington, on June 12, 1875, the son of the late Armistead Peter and Mrs. Martha Custis Kennon Peter. A descendant of the Custis and Lee families of Virginia, he was a great-great-great-grandson of Martha Custis

Washington, wife of George Washington, and a cousin of Robert E. Lee. He was also a descendant of Lord Baltimore. He was educated at the University of the South, Columbia University, General Theological Seminary of New York, and studied at Oxford University, England. In 1916 he married Mrs. Lulie Whitlock Nolting, who survives.

Dr. Peter's first ministry was as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Washington, and later was associate rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church there. He then went to St. Matthews Church, Wheeling, West Virginia, and from there went to the St. James' Church, Richmond, where he served for fifteen years. He left Richmond to become a canon of the National Cathedral in Washington. At the time of his retirement he was priest-in-charge of Christ Church in Georgetown.

In 1926 Hampden-Sydney College conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity Degree. He was very proud of this honor and enjoyed the touch with Hampden-Sydney, especially through the late Dr. J. D. Eggleston.

Besides his wife, Dr. Peter is survived by a son, George Freedom Peter, Jr., and a stepdaughter, Miss Elizabeth Nolting, both of Cobham, Albemarle County; a brother, Armistead Peter, and a sister, Miss Agnes Peter, both of Washington.

**CHUMBLEY.** The Reverend Charles Melvin Chumbley, '92, honorably retired member of Transylvania Presbytery, died in Richmond, Kentucky, on Monday, March 30, 1953. He was born in Pulaski County, Virginia, September 25, 1871, the son of the late George Hudson Chumbley and Nannie Jane Hoge Chumbley. He took his B.A. and B.S. degrees from Hampden-Sydney before entering Union Theological Seminary. He organized and was the first pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia, and held pastorates in Lancaster and Campbellsville Counties in Kentucky, as well as several pastorates in Georgia. He was the author of "The Man Invincible," published in 1936.

Funeral services were held in Richmond, Kentucky, with burial in the cemetery at Campbellsville. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Bradberry, Athens, Georgia, and Mrs. John W. Ballard, Richmond, Kentucky; three sons, George W. Chumbley, Atlanta, Georgia, Harold H. Chumbley, Detroit, Michigan, and Major C. M. Chumbley, Jr., Washington, D. C.; eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**BURGER.** Dr. James Spencer Burger, '00, died on Wednesday, April 15, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was born on August 16, 1879, in Farmville, Virginia. Following graduation from Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Burger attended the Medical College of Virginia where he graduated in 1903. He practiced medicine in West Virginia until he joined the Army Medical Corps in World War I. He remained in government service until his retirement. He first married the late Miss Margaret Sara Ballard of Suffolk and by this marriage is survived by five daughters and two sons: Mrs. O. V. Sessoms, Jr., of Chifton Forge; Miss Audrey Burger of Richmond; Miss Elizabeth Burger of Farmville; Mrs. Kermit Booker of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Mrs. Rete Odom Quitman of Georgia; James Spencer Burger, Jr., and Robert B. Burger, both of Farmville. He is survived by Mrs. Dora B. Burger of Richmond; Miss Elizabeth Burger of Farmville; Mrs. Kermit Morris Rotenberry of Charleston, West Virginia; a stepson, David Brawley of Pittsburgh; two sisters, Mrs. T. W. Morgan of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mrs. L. H. Williams of Lynchburg; and eight grandchildren.

**BAPTIST.** Judge Richard Bannister Baptist, '95, jurist and civic leader of Covington, Tennessee, died Friday, March 20, 1953, at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis, following a two-weeks illness. He was 78 years old.

Judge Baptist was born in Mason, Tennessee, and was reared in Tipton County. He was the son of the famous West Tennessee attorney, the late N. Wilson Baptist. He was educated at Webb School at Bell Buckle before entering Hampden-Sydney College. After receiving his law degree, he became secretary to the late United States Senator E. W. Carmack. In 1918 he was elected circuit judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District and held this office for four terms. In 1942 Judge Baptist was appointed to the Court of Appeals. His present term would have expired in 1958.

Judge Baptist is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Isabel Kennedy of Covington and Mrs. George R. DeSaussure of Memphis; a sister, Mrs. William H. Hill of Evanston, Illinois; and three grandchildren.

*The Memphis Press-Scimitar* gives the following tribute to Judge Baptist: "...to him the law was not a cold, unfeeling profession, but one that required the human touch. He was a handsome man, courtly in appearance and with a ready humor. Judge Baptist had what judges called a 'judicial mind' which demanded the respect of all those who appeared in his court. His life was influenced by a passage of the Bible that his mother had marked for him so many years ago. It was: 'A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.'"

**MORTON.** Dr. Goodridge Venable Morton, '93, died on February 28, 1953, in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Morton was born on June 1, 1873, at "Camostella," Charlotte County, the youngest of eight children of William and Margaret Morton. He attended Hampden-Sydney and was graduated from V. M. I. in 1894. That same year he went to Fort Worth University and while there studied in the Fort Worth Medical College. After graduation there he interned in Chicago and then took post graduate work in obstetrics and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University. He studied both phases because at that time there was no specialization. He introduced specialization to the Southwest and Fort Worth in 1898 when he set up practice there. In 1898 he married Mary Feild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Feild. Although in ill health for several years, Dr. Morton was not confined to his bed until two weeks prior to his death. He is survived by his wife, Mary Feild Morton; one son, Theodore Feild Morton, an attorney of Houston, Texas; and three daughters, Mrs. Walter Proctor of Victoria, Texas, Mrs. Joseph Monton of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Larry Cotton of North Hollywood, California.

**ARMSTRONG.** James W. Armstrong, '08, collector of revenue for the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on February 20, 1953. His death occurred in his office, following a sudden heart attack. Funeral services were held at the Plaza Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. Armstrong was born on September 9, 1889, in Salem, Virginia. He was the son of Edward McCarthy Armstrong and Margaret Logan Armstrong. He was educated at the Wallace School for Boys before coming to Hampden-Sydney. He went to Charlotte where he was associated in the real estate business. At the time of his death he was serving as city revenue collector for the second time. He served as city manager during 1940-41. Mr. Armstrong was an overseas veteran of World War I, an elder in the Plaza Presbyterian Church, and one of the planners of the church's current building program. He was active in the political life of the city for more than twenty years and was considered a political sage.

Survivors are his wife, the former Lilian Houser; three sons, John and David Armstrong of Charlotte, and James W. Armstrong, Jr., of Arlington, Virginia; a sister, Miss Ellen Armstrong of Atlanta; and two grandchildren.

**WOOTEN.** Reverend Enoch Beverly Wooten, '29, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Kentucky, died on March 21, 1953, at the Guerrant clinic in Winchester, following an extended illness. He was born in Palestine, Ohio, May 24, 1908. He graduated at Hampden-Sydney and later from Louisville Theological Seminary, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Louisville on June 19, 1932. Before becoming pastor of the Winchester church, he had served as pastor of the Big Springs and Bloomfield, Kentucky, churches, and of the Cynthiana, Kentucky, Presbyterian church.

Mr. Wooten is survived by his mother, Mrs. Enoch Wooten; his wife, a daughter, Marcia and a son, Donald; two sisters and three brothers.

At Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Wooten was affectionately known as "Bumps." At the time of his death, he was secretary of the Board of Trustees of Lees Junior College, Jackson, Kentucky. He was an active member of the Winchester Rotary Club and the Lamp Lighters Club.

Burial was in the Winchester cemetery.



# ATHLETICS *By R. C. EDMUNDS, JR., '53*

## Sports Awards

At a special closing convocation, Jim Hickey, Hampden-Sydney's Athletic Director, named the following boys as Monogram Winners in the Spring Sports.

**TENNIS:** Dick Edmunds of Halifax; Bob Saffelle of Emporia; Lee LeCompte of Richmond; Webb Simmons of Martinsville; Carroll Melton of Norfolk; Ernie Thompson of Richmond; Mickey Hoke of Emporia; Jim Slaydon of Hollins; John Richards of Lynchburg; and Jim Harris (mgr.) of Blackstone.

**TRACK:** Jim Overbey of Danville; Pete Brittain of Tazewell; Bill Trapnell of Richmond; Nick Hano of Philadelphia; Doug Divers of Pulaski; Jay Jackson of Roanoke; Joe Rushbrooke of Roanoke; Sonny Loud of Salem; and Roger Elliott (mgr.) of Alexandria.

**BASEBALL:** John Oliver of Asheville, North Carolina; Ed Lester of Hurley; Bernie Marlow of Midlothian; Tom Glascock of Marshall; Frank Hoffman of Richmond; Tom Poland of Herndon; Doug Joyce of Fieldale; Ford Zehmer of McKenney; Dean Tester of Pulaski; Regis Etz of Cape Charles; Bob Curtis of Richmond; Bill Snead of Richmond; Stokley Fulton of Danville; and Lee Finks, (mgr.) of Roanoke.

The McIlwaine Thompson Tennis Trophy was awarded to Dick Edmunds as winner of the Spring tournament. Bob Saffelle, 1952 Tennis Captain, was awarded a gold tennis ball for his excellence in tennis, leadership, and all-round service to the team.



## 1953 Football Schedule

September 19	Newport News	Home
September 26	Guilford College	Away
October 3	Emory and Henry (Night)	Bristol
October 10	Bridgewater	Home
October 17	Johns Hopkins	Away
October 24	Western Maryland (Homecoming)	Home
October 31	Sewanee	Away
November 7	Richmond	Away
November 14	Randolph-Macon	Away

Jim Stokes of Kenbridge and Stokley Fulton of Danville are the new co-captains for the 1953 football team. Stokes, who is also President of the Student Body, is a tackle. Fulton won a position on both the offensive and defensive platoons of the Little Six all-state team as a guard.



## Sports Briefs

Dean Tester, steady performer for three years at third base, and Frank Hoffman, pitcher, were both named to the Little Six All-State baseball team. Tester hit .321 for the season. Hoffman, 1953 captain, was the conqueror of the Yellow Jackets this year by a 3-1 score.

Jay Jackson and Doug Divers both did themselves proud in the Little Six track meet. Jackson, a Roanoker, was a double winner by taking first in the broad and high jump. Divers was second high point man in the meet with 111.2

points including a first in the high hurdles. A broken pole in the pole vault kept him from being high point winner.

The Kappa Sigmas won the intramural championship this year, followed by the Pikas and Chi Phis. The Kappa Sigs took the football championship, the Pikas the basketball, and the Chi Phis the softball championship.

For the 1953-54 season, Mickey Hoke, rising senior from Emporia, will captain the tennis team. The Co-Captains of the baseball team will be Dean Tester, Little Six All-State third baseman, and Stokley Fulton, hustling catcher and also an All-Stater in Football.



## 1953 Baseball Results

H-S	10	Rider College	6
H-S	14	Akron	7
H-S	1	Richmond	2
H-S	5	Long Island University	8
H-S	23	Roanoke College	3
H-S	20	Virginia Medical College	2
H-S	2	Richmond	19
H-S	3	Randolph-Macon	1
H-S	7	VMI	13
H-S	5	Bridgewater	1
H-S	13	William and Mary	10
H-S	8	Western Maryland	9
H-S	14	Towson	1
H-S	8	Roanoke	7
H-S	8	Bridgewater	7
H-S	4	Randolph-Macon	10
H-S	22	VMI	3
H-S	0	William and Mary	7



## Track Results

H-S	42 2/3	William and Mary	88 1/3
H-S	79 2/3	Randolph-Macon	42 1/3
H-S	34	Roanoke	83
H-S	47 1/2	Newport News	37 Norfolk
			Div. 63 1/2
		3d Little Six Meet	
		6th A. A. U. Meet	



## 1953 Tennis Results

H-S	7	George Washington University	2
H-S	9	Richmond	0
H-S	7	VMI	2
H-S	2	Washington and Lee	6
H-S	5	Union Theological Seminary	4
H-S	8	Randolph-Macon	1
H-S	2	Washington and Lee	7
H-S	8	Bridgewater	1
H-S	5	Norfolk Division	0
H-S	2 1/2	William and Mary	6 1/2
H-S	4	N. C. State	5
H-S	9	Richmond	0
H-S	4	VMI	5
H-S	6	Bridgewater	3
H-S	8	Randolph-Macon	1

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